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"We have here 5,500 people. Of that number, despite the excitement and furor of war, only 120 men have so far gone out to fight. Only 120! That leaves 5,380 of us behind at home.

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What, after all, are our 120 boys being sent out to do?

In the words of our Leader, 'To make the world safe for democracy.'

What then, is left for the 5,380 of us who remain behind to do?

* * * We have the still greater and harder problem, we who are left behind, of making democracy safe for the world.

It was our home job to show that democracy was both safe and strong in this vast crisis (and afterward), safer and stronger than autocracy, more patient and efficient than aristocracy, braver than plutocracy. Is the kind of democracy now in power in Russia, safe for the world? Is our kind of democracy in America really safe for the world?"—David Grayson in American Magazine, May, 1918.

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SOME STARS IN THETA'S SERVICE FLAG

(We originally planned to include in this issue a list of all our members in active service whether at home or abroad, but the task was too much for the time available, since many chapters had only the most meager information regarding members engaged in war work, and many others either misunderstood or failed to reply to the copy requests of the last Bimonthly. However, we hope to make this a regular department of the magazine and as time goes on to make it a complete record of such Theta workers. We solicit information from our readers and would also welcome copy of letters, etc. from our members engaged in war activities. If this department is to be complete and interesting, you must make it so. Let us hear from you all.)

Alpha: Oolooah Burner, in France for the Y. W. C. A. (see copy

of a letter from her in this issue).

Beta: Katherine Croan Greenough '11 (Mrs Walter) chairman

of Liberty loan committee of Indiana suffrage association.

Iota: Anne C. Kerr '16, and Margaret McClanahan '16, New York state food conservation agents. They go into rural communities to teach the people how to save and also how to use the food substitutes for flour, meat, etc.

Katherine Rodgers '18, inspector of gas-masks in a munitions

factory.

Lambda: Constance Votey '16, in France with Base hospital No. 6 out of Boston.

Ruth E. Brownell '13, on clerical staff of Base hospital No. 13 out of Chicago.

Mu: Clara Campbell '95, engaged in relief work in France since

January 1917.

Nu: Mrs J. A. Reaugh '87, a four-minute-woman for the publicity department of the Woman's committee of the National council of defense.

Rho: Martha Cline Huffman '06 (Mrs Yale) Grand treasurer, a lieutenant in surgical dressings, chairman of County speaker's bureau, district chairman (7 counties) of Woman's committee on third liberty loan.

Upsilon: Pierre Jones '08, in Paris as executive head of Y. W.

C. A. general office for war work.

Phi: Florence Heywood '02, worker in the Pouponniere des Orphelins de la Guerre, at Nice, France. Miss Heywood has lived in Paris for many years and her mother's health forcing them to leave there sometime after the outbreak of the war, they went to Nice, where Florence has been active in this work for the children of France. A letter from her says: "I am that busy. We have 3000 in this colony, 17 colonies on the Riviera. They are growing up to be strong, healthy, capable citizens for France, thanks to the sacrifice of the workers and to the generosity of the public."

These colonies are organized on a cottage plan, ten orphans (those without either parents or relatives) making up a family group under the care of one woman. The recreation, schooling, et cetera of all groups in a colony being combined, as it might be in any small town.

In May 1917 Miss Heywood appealed to her California friends for aid in this work and the Thetas of California have been very active in support of the work, at one time thinking to propose it for a national Theta service. Mrs Edith Wilcox Beasley, Phi '92, and her husband are the official delegates authorized to collect money for the association in California; and Mrs Beasley has sent \$1355.00 to France for the work, most of which was raised by her Theta committee in San Jose and a Theta committee in Palo Alto under the chairmanship of Mrs Winifred Caldwell Whittier, Phi '95. In each city July 14, 1917 was the day set aside for this work by the committees; in Palo Alto they had a food sale, and in San Jose French flags and flowers were sold on the streets, a card party and a movie house benefit were staged also.

To become a Marraine of a child in this association costs \$10 a month or \$100 a year. Miss Heywood's address is 15 Boulevard

Victor Hugo, Nice, France.

Ruby Green Smith '02 (Mrs Albert) with the U. S. States relations service as organizer of the city conservation work.

Dr Virginia Murray, with a hospital unit in France.

Hope Kerwin in France, with first unit of telephone girls. She is rated as a first class private and wears a khaki uniform. She is also a licensed airplane pilot.

Chi: Lola E. Lowther '05, chairman of Kappa Alpha Theta's

war work.

Blanche Merritt Baker '08 (Mrs F. L.) a Y. M. C. A. worker in France, being at present the American representative who, with the French head of the work, places the American and French women in the Foyers du soldat. Her husband is a Y. M. C. A. secretary with the French army. They had lived in Paris some years and thus having a good working knowledge of the French language felt it their duty to work with the French soldiers.

A class-mate of Mrs Baker, Mrs Edith Ackerman Dawson, has promised to share some of Mrs Baker's "wonderful letters" with our readers in a later issue. To her Mrs Baker writes that there is a desperate need for more women workers for the French army—but add they *must* speak French readily and be over thirty years of age.

Psi: Dr Clelia Duel Mosher '92, physician in charge of a Reconstruction staff in France.

Leliah Pugh, driver of the supply motor for a Red Cross hospital in Brittany.

Omega: Mrs Vivian Gurney Breckenfeld '17, doing canteen

work at Atherton, Cal.

Olivetta Faukner '17, secretary of Red Cross, Aberdeen, Wash.

Mrs Elsie Lee Turner '89, president of Alameda county Council of defense, member of California state council of defense.

Maude Cleveland '09, working with blind and crippled French

soldiers at the Neuilly, France, hospital.

Marian Fitzhugh '17 in France as a nurse's aid, having taken her own ambulance with her.

Alpha Beta: Beulah Green '10, doing Girl's protective league

work in the vicinity of Baltimore and Camp Meade.

Edith S. Coale '12, in France as a nurse with the Friends' unit of the American Red Cross. She has been at Bettencourt, not far from Rheims and in the war zone, during the winter, having charge of the medical work of a convalescent home for the refugees and natives. Before going to Bettencourt, she was first at Entremont, near the Swiss border, and then at the Chalons maternity hospital.

Elizabeth Keller '13, in charge of one of the squads of Red Cross

canteen workers in Philadelphia.

Alpha Delta: Marjorie Day '13, doing Girl's protective league work in Anniston.

Ruth Taylor '11, worker in carding the occupational blanks for the Provost Marshal's office.

Alpha Epsilon: Irene T. Seabury '03, organizer and instructor of the Gaspes chapter, D. A. R. surgical dressing unit in Providence, R. I.

Mrs Ada Wing Mead '87, chairman of Food conservation department of Rhode Island Woman's committee of Council of national defense.

Alpha Eta: Agnes Amis '09, doing Y. W. C. A. war work with girls in vicinity of Camp Oglethorpe.

Alpha Kappa: Kate Meehan '12, a chief yeoman in the Naval reserve, now censoring cables in New York city.

Alpha Mu: Mrs Elizabeth Phillips Kennedy '13, editing a paper

for the members of soldiers' families.

Mrs Inez Gordon Henne, county chairman of third Liberty loan, chairman extension committee and supervisor of purchases for Red Cross of New Braunfels, Texas.

Alpha Xi: Mrs Mabel Smith Fenton '04, in France as an interpreter.

Alpha Pi: Emily Covert '13, trained nurse with Base hospital No. 26, out of Minneapolis.

Alpha Sigma: Elmina White '09, agent for the Food administration with office in Puyallup, Washington.

Alpha Tau: Margaret Maxon, executive secretary of the Cincinnati war council. The Cincinnati war council, is an organization created by ordinance, to supervise all Cincinnati war activities. The war council is organized on the committee plan, committees being supervised by an Executive board. Miss Maxon works directly under this board and has entire charge of office administration. The chief work of the War council at present is the promotion of the work of the United States Food administration and of an active war

garden campaign.

Miss Maxon is one of the original members of the War council appointed by the Mayor, and is secretary of the Employment committee of this body too. She is also a member of the Executive committee of the Cincinnati and Hamilton county Woman's committee of the Council of national defense; is chairman of the local committee on women in industry, and chairman of the Vocational guidance committee of the local Association of collegiate alumnæ, and through this committee is cooperating with the plans of the Council of national defense for the placing of trained women in government positions and other essential occupations.

Alpha Upsilon: Mary Alexander '15, waiting the mobilization

call of the Base hospital with which registered,

Frances Perry '17, in charge of Y. W. C. A. Hostess house at Fort Riley.

Mrs Paul Walker, Kansas state chairman of the War work coun-

cil of Y. W. C. A.

Day Monroe '08, city leader with Food conservation league in New York city.

Alpha Phi: La Reine Hill Gladden (Mrs A. H.) in charge of knitting for Red Cross branch 19 in New Orleans. Dr Gladden, her husband, is in France with a Base hospital.

Alpha Chi: Edith Gamble '13, experimental worker in food substitutes, and planning the rationing of the camp for auto-mechanic training to be placed at Purdue.

Miriam Beall '16, demonstrator in Indiana for the States relations

service's efforts to increase the use of milk and cheese.

In this list rightly belong the names of many Thetas now working in Washington, D. C. in all sorts of positions of responsibility more or less directly connected with the war. A partial list of such follows. Additions will be welcomed.

Helen Ardery, Beta '19, doing clerical work.

Edith Holdstock, Lambda '17, a file clerk in the Subsistence division of the Quartermaster-general's office, War department. Address: 1329 Quincy st. N.W.

Ernestine Sweet, Lambda '09, secretarial work.

Mary Ashby, Psi '17, a secretary in office of Adjutant General McCain in War department.

Mrs Mabel Sullivan D'Olier, Alpha Beta '07, with the Food administration.

Anna Payne, Alpha Delta '14, in the Research division of the Food administration. Address: 1241 Euclid av. N. W.

Mary Ward, Alpha Delta '09, secretarial work.

Corrinne Frazier, Alpha Eta '18, in the Signal corps office. Address: 1404 15th st. N.W.

Mrs Bessie Ellis Barber, Alpha Kappa '19, in the Naval reserve office. Address: 1306 Rhode Island av. N.W.

Inez Serumgaard, Alpha Pi '16, clerical work.

This list does not include the many scientific and technical experts among our membership who have long held responsible government positions, only those coming into such work since the United States entered the war.

THETA NURSES TO-BE

At last summer's convention a special plea was made for our members to consider the vocation of nursing as one needing trained college women, and one where the needs and opportunities for war service were many. As a follow-up to that plea, we present a list (as complete as the cooperation of chapters made possible) of Thetas now in training for nurses. Additions to this list, and a supplementary list of the R.N. members already in our ranks will be welcomed by the editor.

The need for more trained women to enter the nursing schools continues urgent. Many of the colleges with medical schools attached are offering a new combined course which reduces the training period for the college trained applicant. That the field is in need of workers and that the work is interesting and profitable, as well as servicable, are indisputable facts. However, we think it not unwise to put at least one if in this demand for nurses. Don't elect to enter a training school unless you have the talents and characteristics that make a valuable nurse—a desire to serve, a devotion to patriotism, is not enough to make you a good candidate. At least one hospital of which we know is hampered in its training work by the great number of probationers who prove utterly unfit for the profession. Any of us who have had much sickness in our homes, know too the tragedy of the nurse with exceptional training but with temperament such that she never could be either a welcome or successful practitioner of her profession. So, unless you have the right gifts, stay out of this field—you will do a better service by staying out than you ever could do by trying to go in—and it is no dishonor to acknowledge that your talents do not include those essential to real success in the profession.

THETAS NOW IN TRAINING FOR THE DEGREE R.N. Maggie Lee Lytle, Alpha Eta '11, at St. Thomas hospital, Nashville, Tenn.

Winifred Romer, Iota '17, at St. Luke's hospital, New York city.

Helen Bennett, Iota '15, at Bellevue hospital, New York city.

Ethel Clark, Alpha Xi, enters Massachusetts general hospital, Boston, with the next class.

Anita Beadle, Alpha Chi '17, at St. Elizabeth's hospital, Lafayette,

Indiana, specializing in dietetics.

Clare Terwilliger, Chi, at Crouse-Irving hospital, Syracuse, N. Y. Dorothy Ford, and Mary Grondike, Beta, are both in training at Indiana medical school hospitals.

Lois Stevens, Kappa, at Peter Bent Brigham hospital, Boston. Carol Hatch, Lambda '13, at Mary Fletcher hospital, Burlington, Vt.

Florence Peterson, Mu, at Presbyterian hospital, New York city. Graduates in June 1918.

Gleva Blain, Upsilon, at the University of Minnesota hospital.

Abby Edwards, Omega, at Lane hospital, San Francisco.

Mary Allen, Omega, to enter the University of California medical school hospital in July.

Janet Jennings, Alpha Iota '15, at St. Luke's hospital, St. Louis. Esther Newcombe, Alpha Mu, at Roosevelt hospital, New York city.

Helen Brookes, Alpha Omicron '14, at Presbyterian hospital, New York city.

"VIVE LA Y. W. C. A."

FIRST LETTER FROM MISS OOLOOAH BURNER, AT A BASE HOSPITAL "SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE"

Miss Burner, Alpha, is well known throughout the fraternity, as she has visited many chapters when acting as traveling student secretary for Y. W. C. A.

The getting here was strenuous enough, what with storms and mal-de-mer and delays and sleeping on deck and rumors of submarines that never appeared. Then to land in Paris and find it apparently no nearer war than New York was almost disappointing.

One week after landing I find myself temporarily in charge of a hut, acquainted with nurses, initiated into the ways of the town, learning the ways of a hospital, and living in a French family where not one word of English is spoken or understood. The temerity of that last adventure is possible to understand only if one has seen my look of helpless horror when French is launched in my direction with no one there to ward it off by a comprehension more trained by experience than mine. But having made my first shopping expedition today and returning in triumph with an armful of tea, cocoa, biscuits, butter, and condensed milk for the hut, panic shall rule no more when I face a shop-keeper. I am launched!

Words are helpless things when one would pass across the seas the experiences of the last few days. The hut was opened on Sunday afternoon with a brilliant gathering of the town's best people, the Prefet himself, university professors and their charming families, the Spanish consul, and others who would be titled if France were not a republic; officers in uniform of course and the nurses for whom the hut has been built. Tea and sandwiches and cakes and a big box of American candies; much exquisite French and many ludicrous attempts at conversation when one knew only three words and none of them fit; and for the whole friendly atmosphere of representatives of two nations coming together, a background of soft gold colored curtains, shaded lights on tables, antique bits of furniture, odd pieces of pottery and china, comfortable chairs, books, couches piled with soft green and gold pillows, and a piano. It was a most interesting opening for a beautiful hut.

The real initiation came two nights later when the nurses themselves entertained for the outgoing secretary who had made the hut what it is, and the incoming one who had walked into it at a rub of an Aladdin's lamp. The night showed how they have taken it as their own. Hilarity unrestrained, games, dancing, jokes, stunts, songs, speeches, refreshments, absolute freedom from our entering

the door till we all trooped home before ten.

More than one girl said as she looked around the room, "I know we are just going to love this place." One said as we sat on a couch looking on for a moment, "We are usually too tired to think for ourselves. It is good to have someone to think for us." A private who stuck his head into the door the other day said wistfully as he looked around: "We certainly do envy the nurses this house." And well they may. Not only the living room has its gold colored lights and hangings, but the wee office, the kitchen, the storeroom, and best of all a little restroom with two beds, with white covers and rose colored comforters, hot water bottles, rose shades on the lights and little curtained windows.

A convalescent private has been detailed to keep fires in the stoves. A wee French maid who looks like a gnome out of Grimm's fairy tales clumps about the hut in her little wooden shoes, keeping things clean and neat; nurses drop in for an easy chair beside the fire, to read their letters from home, to make a cup of bouillon in the middle of the morning, or to sing about the piano before they go home. A little later when forty new nurses arrive they are counting much on the hut to help them find themselves at home. Altogether the newest recruit cries in her heart "Vive la France," "Vive L'Amerique," "Vive La Y. W. C. A." And that means she's glad she came!—Y. W. C. A. War work bulletin, March 8, 1918.

It is with regret we record the death of Alice Parker Davis, Epsilon, who was a teacher in Soochow, China. For some time she had been ill. This past fall they were bringing her home to America, and one night she just disappeared from the boat in mid-ocean.

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The storm had raged for twenty hours. As the sun broke through the thick fog, the wind went down, and there on the white sand was a group of women, some old, some young, but all weary to the point of exhaustion, all with anxious eyes turned toward the sea. Some venturesome small boys, far out on the rickety pier, suddenly shouted. The group of women hastened closer to the water, shading their eyes with their outstretched hands, as they strained every faculty to see—yes—there they were, the fishing boats, coming rapidly into harbor. Soon the men were ashore, and while weary and hungry for food, they were stimulated by the thrill of the adventures and escapades of the fight with the storm—indeed, so buoyed up that the emotional break in the greetings from their weary, worn, wan-looking women-kin seemed strange and inexplicable.

Every storm at sea repeats this incident in every fishing village. It is but an epitome of the tragedy of womankind's waiting role as recorded in diversified phases by picture, story, and poem of every era.

"To land in Paris and find it apparently no nearer war than New York was almost disappointing" writes Miss Burner. Further on she describes the entertainment given by the nurses: "hilarity unrestrained, games, dancing, jokes, stunts, songs, speeches, refreshments."

Last winter we sat in an audience stunned into silence by the tragic story Frederick Palmer was telling of devastated France. His vivid word pictures were constantly reenforced by the records of his camera thrown on the screen. Suddenly tension relaxed, smiling faces, clapping hands greeted a picture—ruined homes in relief against a snow-covered hill—not to be smiled over, that sorrowful scene, but, as the reel unwound, down the hill came two improvised sleds carry-

ing two youngsters absorbed in the thrill of coasting.

We are all familiar with the picture that went the rounds of the magazines last Spring, where wrecked No Man's land lay bare and stark, with just one dauntless song sparrow on a dead tree in the foreground. On our table lies a newspaper bearing grave news of the British army, but beyond the open window sits a cardinal caroling his spring song in lilting notes of joy, while a pair of blue birds build a nest in the stump of a dead tree near by. Everywhere nature is smilingly sending forth buds at the sun's bidding and the beautiful inspiration of Spring's revivifying is all about us.

These sketches are indicative in a faint way of the Time's lessons for us, the people at large. When the United States declared war, it seemed as if the very face of the world should change, that none of the usual affairs of the day should continue. Indeed in those first weeks our patriotism became almost hysterical in its sacrifice of this and that custom, no parties, no athletics, no visiting, no spending, no nothing but war work. But where and what was the war work? "Do your bit" was changed to "do your best" but very soon

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womankind found that, on the whole, all the work offered her was "a bit" and that it doesn't require the "best" from trained, educated women just to roll bandages, vital though that work be.

Decade by decade civilization's advance had opened more and more lines of activity to women, indeed in many places she had taken her place by man's side as even an active partner in politics and world

affairs. Waiting seemed no longer her special forte.

But when civilization was compelled to step backward to war in order to save itself, womankind was again adrift—while eager to give her "best" to the service of democracy, she found, for the most part, there is "nothing you can do to help." Just waiting can frazzle the strongest nerves. The helplessness of "nothing you can do to help"

frequently is the very hardest task.

Something of the emotional turmoil, the struggle for poise and vision that the college girl is experiencing in the face of her apparent uselessness in this crisis is well told in two articles in this issue from undergraduate Thetas: How we all feel and The present, a challenge to the college girl. That alumnæ of all generations are experiencing similar, or even more intensive unrest became apparent during our winter's chapter visiting tour and is constantly being emphasized by the stream of letters asking how to get in touch with war work, expressing dissatisfaction with present vocation "so superficial and trivial now that men and women, too, are giving their lives for democracy," or questioning "what war work can I do in my three months' summer vacation?" et cetera.

For weeks we have been attempting to gather data to answer such questions. We have been in correspondence with practically every agency in charge of women's war work, for there has developed a field of war work for women limited though it be, every one is eager to use this potential college girl service, but the practical suggestions for service are practically none. In fact we are forced to two conclusions: each and every one of us must create a place for herself in this field of service, and there is no great collective need of us yet anywhere. The United States is a large, large nation and so far its man power alone has not been all conscripted. The Women's committee of the Council of national defense urges that women be not employed at jobs usually filled by men so long as there is no labor shortage, because no woman takes up such work without weakening and lessening her power for the greatest service, the rearing of a family. On April 2 in New York city alone there were 50,000 idle men, yet women in large numbers are acting as street car conductors and elevator operators in that city.

The organized work for women at large has developed along two distinct lines—Red Cross, and Food conservation, both vitally important. It is also true that the leadership and executive work in these fields is in the hands of the older women, the prominent society and club women of most communities. They offer small opportunity

for the use of the special talents of the younger college women. But it is also true that in spite of devotion and willingness, in many communities these organizations lose half of their effectiveness through the lack of efficient methods and business perspicacity and common courtesy. Tact and diplomacy you will need in abundance if you attempt to improve such conditions, but the need of even the strongest of leaders for a few weeks' vacation may give you a chance to prove the value of your modern methods.

Then too in spite of all the campaigning there is many a community yet unacquainted with the real significance of wheatless and meatless days, others unequal to wholesome preparation of such meals, others who deem it service to ravel out a 26 inch long sweater because the

directions say make it 25 inches long.

We were recently in a fair sized city of highly intelligent population where there was great complaint over the breads prescribed by the Food administration rules. When we had eaten bread from hotel, restaurant, bakery, tea room, and home kitchens in that town, we didn't wonder at the complaints. It takes more than a recipe to make good Victory bread. Domestic science girls, are wheat substitutes good to eat in your home town? If not, make them so.

A woman, so prominent in New York city as to have her vacation cut short to help in the city's third Liberty loan campaign, delivered at a hotel dinner table one Monday a tirade on the absurdity of being forced to eat corn bread "merely because the French don't like any bread but wheat." She got educated on that point before the meal ended, but how many more are there like her in spite of the fact that many of us see wheatless or meatless even on a page of verse these days?

If your home is near an army camp of any kind, the Young Women's Christian association can use all the time you can give them this summer. Then there is the land army asking for the enrollment of college women on farms. It is doubtful whether the real service will equal the effort, but it may, and surely would if these city bred girls went into the farm houses and did there the household work they understand, relieving the farm women for the out of door farm work they understand.

The third Liberty loan drive will be over probably before your vacation begins—but do the children of your town know about Thrift stamps? Of course, you say. But do not be too sure. We know a town where up to March such stamps could only be procured at the postoffice and its sales were unbelievably small. Investigate. You know about the savings bank departments in some city schools, couldn't you practice such a vocation in a Thrift stamp club for the children somewhere this summer?

Elsewhere in this issue you will find the government's call for stenographers. That can interest you only if you have special training and if you are a graduate, for college is where you belong until your Service 319

degree is won, that is undisputable in spite of the present turmoil. One word of warning if you come to Washington. You will find living conditions very difficult and the salary hardly equal to expenses; not because it isn't a living wage, it is, but because of the scarcity of housing quarters and the resulting profiteering.

Turning from these direct war fields, there are others equally or more vital, for this country of ours must be kept fit if it is to be

worthy the sacrifice of our young men in France.

Do you know that infant mortality has increased in the United States since we entered the war? Do you know that there are many anaemic children in our cities today because high prices and ignorance make it impossible for their mothers to feed them properly? The Children's bureau of the Labor department started its "Children's year" in April. There is a place for you in this work. Bring your science to bear on the milk and water supply of your neighborhood, and your economics to bear on the market and food problems involved in giving the population wholesome food.

War will inevitably send many a sick soldier and nurse home from France, many will fall sick at home from over strain and because of the shortage of physicians and nurses, especially public health

workers; the rest of us must be kept fit.

And here, if the sketches with which this article opened have any significance, is a field where college girls can do a great deal this summer. Recently we heard of a city of 5,000 where there were left only two bachelor men over sixteen years old. The town was full of young women, who hadn't danced once this past winter, who all felt they'd never have a good time again. Now we'd be the last to admit that men do not improve a dance, but college girls know how to organize play so it is good sport though it must be manless. Can't you see that the young women of your town have some real good times this summer?

And then there are the mothers and wives of the men over there. Their waiting mustn't leave them to greet the returning heroes with worn and frazzled nerves. Can't you devise at least one day a week when they, in common with the rest of the town, may forget war for a few hours by the process of filling their minds with some happy thoughts? Did you read of the woman who organized a group of mothers to meet for an hour once a week, each to tell three funny stories, so she'd have something gay to put in the letters to her boy over there? Isn't there some way to help those home-staying heroines so their sons will not write to friends, as one boy did in a letter we saw, that he'd not try for a furlough before sailing, as the family took on so last time he was home that he didn't want to, and couldn't, face such a wail again.

Oh, we *mustn't* lose our courage and our cheer, the first step toward defeat is gloom. We *mustn't* lose our health, less we can not do the heavier duties that may be ours before democracy is safe. We *mustn't*

let the children's lives be too shadowed by this war, they must have both the privileges and the joys of childhood on which to build the manhood and womanhood of the future. We must "carry on" to keep the best that generations of sacrifice have given us under the title, civilization.

Your picture may never adorn the first page of the home paper as "a college girl washing dishes somewhere in France"; there may be no star for you in your chapter's service flag; but you'll be just as surely winning the war and giving real service if you maintain one household in health and cheer, if you help one group of young people find the sweet in the bitter of life today, if you aid one town's fight for health and sanity, if you make life fairer for the women employees of one factory, if you see that labor in one town does not exploit the children. Oh, there are countless avenues of service calling you to whom the joy of service is more precious than adventure as the stimulus for service.

You don't have to go to France, you don't have to wear a nurse's uniform, you don't have to be on a Y. W. C. A. staff, you don't have to be a government employee to serve in this war—in fact such things may be obstacles for the service your training best fits you to give, Your BEST is doing the thing that needs doing but which makes no appeal to the non-collegian, nor to the society girl, because it lacks publicity and applause. It is harder to work unheralded and unsung but it's mighty fine to really serve. Thinking right is in itself a loyal service.—L. P. G.

"And he said unto them, Is a candle . . . not to be set on a candlestick?"

One of the greatest problems in fraternity life is that of the girl who takes no part in things. The girl who is never made chairman of an important committee, who is never consulted as an authority, on any matter, however trivial, who is never expected to take an aggressive part in rushing season.

Every chapter has among its members some sisters of this type or relation. She is like a candle—though perhaps not a beautiful cathedral taper—perhaps just a five-cent tallow dip, but still, rich in potential possibilities of usefulness. Yet the candle's light will not go far, without waste and disorder, unless it be set in a place of its own where to its satisfaction it can cheerfully send out its beams. Give a girl a candlestick—a place of her own—a point of vantage, from which she can happily shed the light of efficiency and ambition. Perhaps her forte, known or undiscovered, may be only knowing how to launder the fraternity's napkins well, but find out, help her to find out, what that forte may be, and then let her know that you appreciate her knowledge.—
Alpha Xi Delta.

Seriousness of purpose and determination to "stick to it" should characterize the volunteer as it is most disheartening to officials to find their volunteer workers diverted at times when they were counted upon "because my dearest chum was giving a tea and, of course, I had to be there to help her pour."—Z T A—Themis.

SHALL I GO TO FRANCE?

By Frances Wright In *Collier's Weekly*, March 23

It was about six months ago that I began to ask myself that question. Among the women that I knew, some few had gone, others were preparing to go. There seemed no reason why I should not follow their example. I am healthy and strong, with no ties that need keep me here. I adore France, and am filled with longing to serve my country. These points had not escaped the notice of my friends.

"Hello!" said one, whom I had neglected for a number of weeks,

"I thought perhaps you'd gone abroad."

"Stop your knitting," I begged, "long enough to tell me what I could do there."

My spirit disappointed her. "Lots," she said. "I think you'd be

splendid."

Why splendid? How could I help? What is being done by the many American women who are now in France? Frankly, are they helping at all? Their service must be very real and very great to atone for their presence. Every nonspecialist who sails for France is taking boat space which a soldier, a doctor, or a trained nurse might fill. Each, on arriving, must be fed, clothed, and warmed. Each, if she falls sick, will require attention, medicine, and hospital space which can ill be spared. Only by talking to those fresh from the front can one realize the enormous difficulties of transportation; the huge problem of securing supplies for the army; the immense, urgent duty of caring for a civilian population already distressingly large.

"HAVE YOU A WATCH?"

It was in the lounge of my club, where French lessons have been given all winter for the benefit of war workers, that I approached a very pretty girl and ventured to ask her the time. I had forgotten my watch, and it was important that I should leave at three.

"Avez-vous une montre?" I asked, obedient to the request that no

English be used.

"No, do take it," she answered, pointing to the vacant chair at her side. It filled me with unholy joy that at least one member of the class knew less French than I, but I was somewhat shocked when she whispered: "I'm going to France tomorrow on reconstruction work, and I'm so excited that I simply have to talk about it." Reconstruction work! We indulged in English conversation between the French phrases, very few of which she understood. I found her charming, and I wish her well. Her limousine was waiting for her and, since she still had packing to do, she offered to leave early and drop me on her way home. She pulled down her veil as we left the

room, and I noticed her hands, very white and smooth with pink nails, nicely polished. She said she was worn out with shopping and that she'd been on her feet for hours, getting things she'd need in France. "I've done miles of aisles," she laughed, "and it's nearly killed me, for I absolutely never walk."

On the very next day I lunched with a friend who told me Miss S.

had arrived safely in France and "simply loved it."

"But," I said, "Miss S. has spent a number of years in a sanitarium,

and is always nervous and easily upset."

"Oh, her health is perfectly all right now," answered my friend. "She passed the examination, and mentally it will be just the thing for her. You see, she's never had a real interest before. It will do her a world of good."

But will it do France good?

MISFITS

I suggested to an English aviator that I might send him some new books. After a week of conferences in Washington, he was returning to the front, where he had served for three years. "Thanks awfully," he said, "but I feel it wouldn't be right. Send everything you can spare to the poor fellows in the trenches. There's no misery equal to trench misery. And don't forget the soldiers' widows. There are thousands and thousands of them in France, too poor to buy the things they need, and too proud to ask charity."

There is an answer to my question. I shall not go to France. These French widows, daughters, and sweethearts, can do better reconstruction work than I. France is their own land. French is their own language. My heart may be filled with sympathy, but I cannot hope to rival them in mothering their children, understanding their peasants, or guiding their affairs. I am dumb when adventurous women, waited upon for many years and unused to privation, desert their hotels or apartments for that war-ridden country. I am unmoved at the photograph of an American heiress washing dishes in France. Somehow, I remember those widows who could, perhaps, wash dishes equally well, and without thought of the photographer.

"Nine-tenths of the women who've gone to France—English as well as American—have gone just for the thrill of the thing." It was an ambulance driver speaking. "I'll be honest. That's why

I went myself."

"But you certainly helped," I reminded him.

"Sure," he said, "until I got hit." After a pause, he continued, ungrammatically (and I feel I can't do better than to leave him the last word): "That criticism don't apply to the trained nurses. They're great. Women doctors are all right, too. In fact, I'm strong for women. Since this war I think they can do anything, but the trouble is, most of the ones who go over to France don't fit."

THE PRESENT A CHALLENGE TO THE COLLEGE GIRL

At this awful time of strain and struggle, when so many of the young people of this nation and of our allies are privileged to have an active part in this mighty war for democracy, we who are students in the universities are naturally anxious to have a part also in this great task, to sacrifice something, to do anything except what seems to us to be so useless now—to study home economics, English literature, sociology, or philosophy. Is it right for us to stay comfortably in college, continuing these seemingly useless studies and most of the usual college activities and pleasures, while there is so much suffering in the world and so many great sacrifices are being made?

What is our duty to our country?

These questions came to me for even more serious consideration at the beginning of this semester than ever before, when there came an appeal to me, as to all the girls of my Alma Mater, from a certain business college to enter classes there, for college women only, in order to be prepared to take the places of men in the business world. Here seemed to be an opportunity for sacrifice, but the question arose as to whether this sacrifice would give to my country as valuable services as I could give if I waited and offered myself after more extensive and better training. In other words, is it the duty of the women students of the universities and colleges to give up their college education in order to release men for military service by replacing them in business? Surely, if this is true, then their efforts for a college education have been made in vain and their work thus far has been useless. The college training is meant to fit them for a more valuable service than a business college could possibly do. At the present time, the need is not so great that women must be taken out of the colleges. When the need has become so great that there are no more women already out of college or unable to go to college to do this kind of work, then let the business men appeal to the college girls and they will not be found wanting. Mr Cockerell says, in referring to work of women:

"What Europe is doing, America can do, should it be necessary. At present, we may render the greatest possible service without any excessive changes in the normal activities of the country. At the same time, 'business as usual' is a poor cry when the enemy is coming. We must adapt ourselves to new conditions and in case of need entirely change work and habits. To decide in any given case how much adaptation is desirable is, for the individual as for the nation, anything but easy. Decisions must look toward the future."

In much the same way may be answered the question whether it is our duty to go to the front as Red Cross nurses or ambulance drivers. It is for the older women to respond to calls of this kind.

Most of the girls now in college would be entirely unfitted for work of this kind, or any other work at the front. Dr Farrand wrote from France:

"It is so all important that our young people go on with their education and are not turned aside by the bewilderment of these times. More than that, my few months here have shown me very clearly that the best service most can give is in doing their own work as well as possible. One of the great embarrassments here in Paris has been and is the number of eager but untrained men and women who have come over and for whom there is really nothing that they can do."

What can we do then if all avenues to immediate action are closed? There is some little comfort for the girls who must remain at their seemingly selfish tasks in the fact that there are many kinds of war work which can be done in addition to their college work. Individually, the girls may do Red Cross work, encourage food conservation, raise money for the Young Men's Christian association, and render many other services which will aid in relieving the suffering caused by the war. There are long summer vacations during which so much can be done. As a student body, they may aid in keeping the nation as nearly normal as possible. Under such conditions as now prevail, it is most desirable to keep the people as calm as possible and the state of the colleges has a great influence on the minds of the people. President Thompson gave as one reason for dismissing the men last spring the desire to stir up the people of Ohio to a realization of the war. On the other hand, if the colleges continue work as under normal conditions, the people will act accordingly. The withdrawal of so many men from the universities to enter war service makes it necessary for women to throw their utmost strength into the work of keeping the university and all its activities running normally. Another task on which the colleges are entering is a nation-wide campaign to encourage education. The President and the Secretary of War want this year to see more students than last year in college. In this work the women of the universities may take a leading part.

Why is it so all important that the women continue their education? The girls must remain at the old tasks, doing that which so many people consider useless but which they must do to the best of their ability in order to prove that they, as college women, are indispensable to the nation's progress. Were it not for the hope of future service to the great cause of democracy, the thousands of undergraduate college women would rebel at so unfair a distribution of the world's burdens at this time. But, as President Pendleton of Wellesley says, "The generation which is now represented by our college students will have to deal with the conflicting and difficult problems involved in reconstruction when peace comes." There will then be an urgent need for leaders, men and women who can think clearly and act upon their thinking, and it will be from among those

that are now in college that these leaders will be expected to come. We may consider ourselves, as some one has said, as being in the "reserve officers' training corps for national leadership," each under oath to her country to employ every ounce of reserve energy to make herself fit, in place humble or high, as a center of deliberation and self-control in the American democracy. Professor Davenport says:

"Victory in this war, and the peace of the world before it is too late, depend still upon American military offensive, but still more upon the development of an intellectual offensive that shall stir and broaden the soul of mankind. No man can yet measure the vast economic and social changes which may come out of this war. God help democracy if it fails to develop leaders who can think, centers

of national deliberation in the enormous flux of change!"

It is the greatest challenge that has ever come to any class of women. How are we going to respond? Will we be weighed and found wanting, or will we work as we have never worked before, determining to be ready when called to render the maximum service to our country? The leadership of the cause is now in the hands of college men. The fact that it was a college man and a college president who set forth this great humanizing task was significant and irresistible. The men of the universities have demonstrated how highly sensitive and thoroughly responsive they were. It still remains for the college women to prove their worth. Again, as Professor Davenport has said, "if through your thoughtlessness or indolence, you fail to secure during these crucial years the energizing of body, mind, and soul, which fits you for duty, and if democracy fails because you fail, then in the words of George William Curtis: 'Remember it is not a Government mastered by ignorance but a Government betrayed by intelligence; it is not a victory of the slums, it is the surrender of the schools; it is not that bad men are brave, but that good men are infidels and cowards."

Ryllis C. Alexander

HOW WE ALL FEEL

As every girl who attends college has felt the same restlessness, war-restlessness, as I feel, I am sure that my article will not be entirely out of place. At any rate, I shall have relieved my mind.

Every one tells us that now is the time for us to realize that college graduates have a better chance in the world than any one else and that we should remain in college for the required four years. Mr Ellsworth Woodward spoke to us one evening and he said that any one who has left college before getting her B.A. degree is only half baked and the world has no use for half-baked persons.

We know all this, or I suppose we do, only we don't think of it until some one starts talking about it; but in spite of the duty to myself, or the duty to the world, or the duty to my family, I have never

felt so out of place and useless in my whole life as I feel right now. Why am I not doing something active? Knitting is suggested. True I knit but the sad part of knitting is that while I work, my mind can wander off to a world of other things and I become more and more impatient. Make Red Cross bandages. It takes me one hour to make six bandages and as I have to study every now and then and attend some few classes I do not get many hours to spend in making bandages. All the work that is open for the majority of women is such inactive work. You feel as if you are not getting any results worth mentioning. Everywhere I go, to the moving pictures, to the theater, to college, I think, "Isn't it queer? Here a war is going on and I am walking around as if nothing has happened!" What irritates me more and makes my state of mind worse is that there is a full year of college between me and my degree and even after I do get the desired B.A. there will be more time taken up while I learn or find some work which will let me play a more active part in the war.

No matter how much we do at college or at home, no matter how many socks or sweaters I knit, bandages I roll, thrift stamps I buy, I still feel as if I am doing nothing, for you see I have given up little or nothing. What are wheatless days and meatless days to me? We have substitutes that satisfy me the same. The whole trouble is that the women play such a sad part in war, as of course every one expects them to play. They just sit back, they wouldn't be allowed to do anything else, while all the men go off. True the men have hardships and sometimes die, but death is not to be considered if you die doing

what you want to do.

Of course, bandages have to be rolled and sweaters knitted. I really wouldn't object to this work if only some of the active and

interesting work would fall to my lot.

But in spite of all my grumbling and discontent, I remain at college. I'd like to give up my course and find some sort of interesting work, but somehow or other I can't forget that the world has no room for half-baked people.

Ivy Waldo

WOMEN—WAR COUNCILS AND OTHER THINGS

"The bricks in the fire place aren't all laid yet, and the front door isn't nailed on, but we're going to open on Thanksgiving day and serve food to those home hungry men and their visiting women folks or *Bust.*"

With this parting and picturesque threat the determined young war worker of the Young Women's Christian association, who is wont to stop at my small cottage by the way side for rest and refreshment when she is out of breath, left me to hurry back to Camp Meade that she might encourage the busy carpenters to greater efforts.

So it was that on Thanksgiving day of this year a fire burned invitingly on the not quite finished hearth in the Hostess house at Camp Meade, and the cafeteria counters were tempting with womanmade sandwiches, cakes, steaming cups of chocolate, and bowls of soup.

The efficient little director whose task was to be that of providing warm wholesome meals to the women guests in the camp and their soldier boy hosts, forgot the ache in her arms—she herself carried two hams and a turkey out from Baltimore very early that Thanks-

giving morning-and looked contentedly about her.

Small groups were scattered throughout the room, chatting, laughing, and eating. Aren't those the things most of us do on Thanksgiving day, in the more sheltered privacy of our own family dinners? Here was a boy who had not received his hoped-for furlough, but whose mother had come down from Philadelphia to spend the day with him. He was smiling at her over a great round sugar cookie which had come out of a box she held on her lap.

And there was another lad entertaining his whole family; a father whose evident pride in his son was exceeded only by the open-eyed admiration of a small brother, and a mother whose worried fear that they would not be able to find "Herbie" in that great big camp had melted in the warmth of the Hostess house hospitality to the merest concern in his welfare. His socks? Did he have plenty?

His vaccination? Had it troubled him any?

Apart from the rest, with that lack of consciousness of crowds that characterizes newly weds in the early days, were young soldier husbands and their wives. The Hostess house to these means many precious hours of companionship which could not be, were women barred from the man city by lack of any appropriate meeting place.

The Hostess house at Camp Meade, brave and cheery with its curtains of blue at the window, its piano, its rocking chairs and its vases of flowers here and there—all dear evidence of a woman's hand—is appreciated as much by the boys as by their women folk.

"I say! This is something like," said one youngster whose visits to the Hostess house were daily and whose appreciation took the form of rocking vigorously back and forth in one of the comfortable leather-seated rocking chairs, drawn up close to the fire. Perhaps that chair with rockers on it symbolized Home to him. At any rate, it was he who took up a collection from his mates, and handing a hatful of nickles and dimes to one of the hostesses said shyly, "Buy some posies for the table with it. We'd like to feel as though we had a share in this."

This "Bit of home" at Camp Meade, Maryland, is only one of sixty similar Hostess houses (five of them being for colored women) which have been built, or are contracted for, in the different camps

and military centers throughout the United States. They have been erected at a large cost by the War Work council of the Young Women's Christian association, in compliance with requests coming directly from the United States War department; and letters from the various Commanding Generals verify our own opinion that nothing which is being done for welfare and comfort of the men in training camps is more appreciated than those things which the association is doing.

The Hostess house, while a most picturesque aspect of the accomplishment of the War Work council, is but one phase of the great task which the Young Women's Christian association has undertaken, both at home and abroad, in response to the appeal of the United

States government.

Five million dollars for "strengthening the second line of defense," as the work of the association here at home has rightly been called, was the goal of the recent campaign for funds; five million dollars, hardly a drop in our conversational buckets, as we nonchalantly speak of billions for war these days.

Yet with this sum the Association proposes to look after the great army of girls—there are a million of them, according to a recent official statement—who have left their homes and boarding places to work on government contracts in factories and near training camps.

It is providing sleeping places for those looking for work, and emergency housing for those already employed, until the government or individual concern employing them can secure permanent housing and proper chaperonage for them.

Then there is the girl living in the country or in a small village in the vicinity of a cantonment. Every day she sees great lines of soldiers marching by her door, and her social life, which has hitherto been dimly brightened by the advent of the grocery boy or village store clerk, takes on a new color.

There is the factory and shop girl in the nearby city who is wont to spend her evenings at the movies or "just strolling about with her girl friend." She meets khaki everywhere, on the street, in the railroad stations, and her talk is a little louder, her feet a little less tired on account of it.

These girls need more than just proper food, decent living accommodations, and the movies. They need more than the gossip and small doings of the village to make their lives colorful and wholesome. They need supervised clubs, recreation, and above all, contact with girls of broader vision who can teach them that a uniform and the glory of patriotism do not free them from the usual ideals of good manners and self-respect.

Perhaps some of them need such education and inspiration as is afforded by the Bureau of social morality—established by the Association War council—which provides sixteen women physicians to lecture throughout the United States.

Or perhaps their need is met by the Patriotic league, an idea launched a year ago by the Junior War council and sailing along now with a membership of thousands of girls, who pledge them-

selves to express their patriotism;—

By rendering whatever special service they can at this time to their community and country. By doing better than ever before whatever work they have to do; and by living up to the very best standards of character and honor, and helping others to do the same.

At a supper and entertainment planned and given by the Patriotic league in - a month ago, the governor's daughter sat next to a young woman whose living was earned behind the counter of the ten cent store. Both girls had signed the Patriotic league pledge card. The governor's daughter explained it thus:

"Every girl who lives up to her level best at this time is helping our country to win this war," while the other girl gave the following

interpretation.

"Well, as far as I can get it, when you wear a Patriotic league button and a young gentleman friend sees it, he says, "nothin' doin'

here."

Does your laundress happen to be a foreign woman, a Slav, a Pole, or perhaps a Russian? Do you have trouble making her understand that you do not want John's handkerchiefs starched? Can you fancy the poor little soul's trying to find her son or her husband in an army city of forty thousand?

Yet many of such non-English speaking women whose men have been taken by the draft, following the example of American women, are visiting the camps where their men are stationed, and not a few

of them are finding work and residence in the near vicinity.

It is to render instant and practical service to these women that a foreign language service bureau has been established at the cantonments where foreign speaking men are most numerous.

As for Europe! poor war-torn, weary Europe—the Young Women's Christian association has joined forces with the Young Men's

Christian association in the splendid work "over there."

At the request of General Pershing, rest and social centers have been provided for American nurses at the Base hospitals in France, as well as a hostess house in Paris for American nurses.

Foyers have been opened for munition workers in France, and tea-

rooms for hungry Russian working women in Russian cities.

The sailing lists published in the Association War work bulletin read like a fairy tale, and make one afire to go. Girls we know, some of our own Theta sisters, have gallantly and joyously faced the cold and discomfort and danger of the past winter to serve the women of Europe, over there.

The perils of war, however, are for all of us, and the desire to be

of service is not confined to any one girl or group of girls.

What can we, who are serving at home, in the second line of defense, do to help the Young Women's Christian association in its war work program? The call has gone out for volunteers who can give their time, any time from an hour to three months, to carry out this program; and five ways are suggested in which a volunteer may be of service.

1. In working at Hostess houses—dispensing hospitality and bringing into touch with the association the great mass of women and girls who visit the camps.

2. Helping with the Patriotic league—This work among the young girls is very important and very fascinating. (The writer knows for she has tried it herself.)

3. Getting together audiences—and arranging parlor meetings. Nothing is of greater value than the securing of representative audiences for experienced workers who are traveling through the various association fields, and are anxious for an opportunity to tell their story.

4. The raising of money for the Young Women's Christian association war fund of four million dollars.

5. Speaking for the work! Whether you are a trained speaker or not. Find out more about it by writing to the War Work council, Young Women's Christian association, 600 Lexington avenue, New York city, and asking that the *War work bulletin*, which contains news of its work for women and girls on two continents, be sent to you. It is free to all persons, and well worth reading. You will soon find yourself wanting to speak for it and forgetting yourself in the enthusiasm for a great cause.

Margaret Wilcox Richards

The clogging point in our educational log-jam today is without doubt the college. Here is the embattled stronghold of tradition. Because the college is the topmost part of the educational system its attitude commands the traditional respect of the people. But it is ages behind the times and by its preparatory requirements it forces its mediaevalism upon the secondary school. No thinking man or woman seriously questions this. It is evident everywhere, strikingly evident. Something, therefore, must be done to set free the obstructions in the upper institution of learning. The current of reform in education cannot run with necessary force until the log-jam in the college gives way. What is needed is the courage of some first-grade college to break with tradition and set the logs rolling. Here is opportunity for the Great Adventure. Which one of our colleges has the vision to see it?—Education by dynamism by Frederic Burk in A. C. A. Journal, December, 1917.

One girl had charge of a rushee for each party and we planned this a day in advance. Each morning a new list of rushees and corresponding girls was tacked to the bulletin board. This plan avoided all confusion and did away with much useless work.— $\Gamma \Phi B$ Crescent.

"COME SIT BESIDE THE HEARTH WITH ME"

I have attempted in this piece to analyze certain feelings, thoughts, and developments that come to a girl in fraternity life, the incoherent, unorganized thoughts and sensations that come before she is in, the increasing clarity and understanding that come later, and what the influence of the fraternity may ultimately attain to with her. It is not complete, and I do not know that I would wish it to be. It is just a touching upon the phases, passing feelings, and adjustments that take place in the fraternity life of a girl.

Martha Harris, Alpha Tau

Anna looked about her in the firelight at the faces of the girls singing their fraternity songs, at the other freshmen, sitting about in groups, listening. She sat in the shadow of the mantel, her hands clasped in her lap, listening, thinking of nothing beyond the moment, noting the sound of someone's voice dropping into an alto part of a song and the soft harmony it made, or the light falling on someone's hair, the rosy contour of Katherine's cheek, her hand picking at the banjo strings. Anna saw and listened. There was a quiet and hush to it all, and within her a waiting, a silence, a feeling of strangeness in everything about her, a sense of something to come. And, so she

sat while the girls finished their songs.

They danced afterward, and with the touch of these girls' arms at her waist or on her shoulder, the feeling came to her that comes when someone whom we have admired from a distance, who has seemed untouchable, comes close, touches our hand or smiles into our eyes. She felt the thrill that comes with the lessening of the distance between, the approach toward common ground, the eagerness with which one goes forward to meet such companionship. She noticed the eyes, the motion of the hand or arm of this one or that one of the girls, the movement of a dress, or the inflection of someone's voice at her side—now one and now another occupied her. And it was all with that unconscious inquisitiveness with which we first regard those whom we are drawn to instinctively, a sort of scrutiny in which every movement, every glance has a significance. Watching these girls, Anna felt a breaking away from the things of the past, from everything that had gone before, and that waiting, that silence within her.

In the dressing-room, on the stairs, with the girls' saying goodbye, she saw the sweet, careless companionship between them, a taking for granted the quiet, easy love. She saw the pat on the shoulder, the laughing and teasing—and she longed for such companionship as that. She wanted it—to have these girls kiss her cheek in that glad, nice way, and tell her foolish little things, to wear each other's hats, and use each other's powder. There was an ease and fondness there

that she longed for.

Then came pledge time, initiation and meetings with the chapter, assuming of duties—all part of the fraternity life. The sense of dis-

tance, strangeness between her own self and the others passed away little by little as common duties and everyday things brought her closer to them. She experienced the pleasure of that happy intimacy and playful comradeship that she had longed so for outside. The meeting at table at luncheon, the talk going back and forth, plans for some party or bit of work, talk of quizzes and assignments, laughing, and exchanges of "Whom are you going with? ooh!" little compliments here and scoldings there, all unimportant in themselves, just incidents of the day or hour, and yet combined they gave her a balance, a glow of mental health, a sense of adjustment and ease with those with whom she came in contact, judgment, and organization of her experience.

Then there were the deeper friendships, brought about by those momentary flashes of understanding that carry over the stretches of commonplace happenings and keep people of kindred spirit united. There would be long walks along the city streets or into the country, the exchange of ideas and impressions, likes and dislikes, the quick glances of understanding. These came with the closer friendships.

Association in the chapter brought as influences the characters of those in it. From this one she came to feel the force of well-balanced intellectuality, from another the warmth of affection, from another kindness, from this one independence, from that one self-possession, and so on. And still there was this delightful life with them, the daily happenings, duties, and pleasures binding everything together, unifying, holding one experience to the other, the little joys and big joys, the little grievances and all the rest, making a whole, organized, unified experience, making a working keyboard to govern daily life, relations to those about.

And then came the time to leave. At the last meeting of the year she sat by the window, silent, looking for the last time at these dear girls with whom she had grown out of the shell of youth and ignorance into understanding of what life can be. Outside the little meadow larks were singing, a soft breeze blew in the open window and stirred her hair-and she loved these girls, loved them all-and yet she could say nothing. She was leaving them, and for them, for the life that she had led with them, for all the sympathy, discipline, loyalty, that had made up that life, a great feeling of gratitude came into her heart as she sat there watching them as they discussed this question or that. And everything seemed good, the singing of the meadow lark in the tree outside, the warm June breeze, the healthy, earnest girls about her. What was past, what was here, what was to come-all wove into a bright, shining context; and as she thought of the unfailing love of these true girls, a light and unspeakable warmth swept over her, and there came the utter realization of what love, "the greatest of these"—love for all human beings is—and with love, service, work for what we love.

And so she was ready to go out into the world.

DELTA PSI KAPPA

[We have been asked to call this movement to the attention of our readers, and so give space to this article from Delta Psi Kappa herself.—Editor.]

The present crisis, the deplorable fact of the physical unfitness and the unpreparedness of the American men is a plea for the physical growth and improvement of American citizens. If the men should be fit, is it not as essential that women measure up to that same standard

of health and efficiency?

Delta Psi Kappa, a professional fraternity of physical education, awaits the censor of the fraternity world. With the open motto of "A sound body for a sound mind" before them, thirteen serious-minded women earnestly engrossed in the future of physical education took the bonds of sisterhood under the name of Delta Psi Kappa upon October 23, 1916. To this mother chapter organized at the Normal college of the North American gymnastic union at Indianapolis, Indiana, have been added Beta at John B. Stetson university at Deland, Florida; Gamma at University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma; and Delta at Posse normal school of gymnastics, Boston, Massachusetts, drawing together the North, South, West, and East, and representing six National Panhellenic congress fraternities and women of college degrees and professorship.

The officers consist of Grand president, Mrs. Albert Metzger, Indianapolis, Indiana; secretary, Elsa Heilick, Elizabeth, New Jersey; treasurer, Elsa K. Hein, Indianapolis, Indiana; inspector, Helen C. Schmitz, Chicago, Illinois; Grand chaplain, Irene C. Mezek, Chicago, Illinois; and auditor, Nellie Mershon, Boston, Massachusetts. Delta Psi Kappa publishes a quarterly, The Foil, now in its second issue. The flower is the Aaron Ward rose; colors, turquoise blue and gold. The official pin consists of a triangular shield of gold surmounted by a black enameled triangle bearing the name Delta Psi Kappa and two parallel lines in gold. The border of the gold shield is either in chased gold or jewelled with whole pearls. The top of the shield has two Greek notches, leaving three projections, the central being higher and larger containing a star. When jewelled, the star is set with a small diamond. Two gold foils are crossed in rear of the pin. The ends of the foils are blunt. The initial of the chapter is cut in gold and used as a guard. Each year the two seniors attaining the highest marks in floor work and academics are given by the chapter a guard set with a small diamond. The pledge pin is a gold pin crossed with two parallel lines of blue.

Realizing the pressed conditions of the present time, yet hoping to raise woman's fitness, Delta Psi Kappa holds forth her all in

promise.

MAY DAY

ITS ORIGIN

Not many of us realize as we trip the light fantastic toe around the May pole on our college campus or attend the May dances of some club fête that we are carrying on a custom which stretches far back through the Middle Ages, past the earliest records of history, and is lost in the haze of prehistoric times. Back there somewhere existed a stage of social growth known as the Matriarchate, when the mother and not the father was the natural head of the family. The woman's inventive faculty, developed by the struggle against the forces of nature to rear her children, made her the leader in agriculture, industries of the home, in medicine, religion, and in the tribal councils. When, later, the best regions becoming more crowded, tribe fought with tribe, the physical powers of man brought him to the fore, his mind became active, and the Matriarchate gave way to the Patriarchate, exemplified by the tribes of Abraham and Isaac.

Strange fossil traces of this far-away Mother age are still found here and there in our language, folk-lore, and customs. One of these is our May day. The early missionaries, in their attempt to Christianize central Europe, tried to suppress many remnants of the Matriarchate, such as witchcraft, and merely disregarded other pagan customs, such as the folk-festivals at the change of seasons. May day had long been celebrated by dances around some sacred tree and by the honoring of the presiding spirit of woman. The important deities of this early civilization were naturally female; special priestesses attended them, and the shrines were frequently under some great oak, with a sacred spring near by. Joan of Arc knew such a sacred oak near Domfrein.

It takes no great stretch of the imagination to see in our May pole, our beflowered dancers, and our crowned May queen the shadows of the sacred tree, and the folk of the tribe honoring with wild dance and floral sacrifice the representative of their goddess. That this is a correct analogy is proven by many records of ancient folk customs lasting into historic times. For us May day is an occasion for charming decorations, costumes, and dances; for the German peasants of the Middle Ages it was the day of an important village celebration; for the dim people centuries earlier it was a sacred rite.

Anna D. White

MAY FETES

The name of the fifth month of the year, May, comes from the Sanskrit verb, which means "to grow." This month brings a crisis in the affairs of nature, and, therefore, its advent has been celebrated from early times.

This time of growth and promise, shown in profusion of bud and bloom, exercises in all lovers of nature a feeling of joy and gladness and an appropriate expression of this feeling is the celebration of

May day.

In ancient days, people went forth on May day to the fields and woods, and gathered fragrant armfuls of flowers to deck the altars to the gods. Then they danced about, singing songs of hope, joy, and thanksgiving. This was, to them, an Easter, not to commemorate a risen Christ, but the fact that Nature had risen.

The Roman people instituted the floral games in honor of the goddess Flora, at whose touch flowers were supposed to unfold, and

from whose foot-prints, violets sprang.

The Celts also observed this season, but not with flowers.

Chaucer tells us how "Merrie England" celebrated the festival. All the people, from the lowest serf to the people of the court, went forth early on May morning to gather fresh flowers. At sunrise, they were seen gathering the hawthorne, which was then called May, and they carried it home with music and song. From this pretty custom has come the expression "going-a-Maying," which now means a trip to the woods for flowers. Then the fairest girl in the village was crowned queen.

The May pole was erected and the young people danced about it nearly all day. This harmless custom was condemned by the Puritans who went so far as to uproot the May poles, and, in many places, they put a stop to the custom. Later, it was revived, and it continued to exist not only in England, but in France and Germany. Also, May fires in honor of the Queen of Love and Beauty

were held.

Today most of these ceremonies have disappeared but the old idea has survived in spring fêtes of schools and colleges and in the custom of May-basket hanging which is very dear to children.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

When Flora visits Washington she descends enveloped in a cloud of mistily heavy perfume and the vari-colored blooms drop so abundantly from her hands that the jolly sun completely shatters the leaden sky canopy in an effort to break through and see. He smiles down upon the clear blue lakes, which edge the green-clad earth, till they sparkle with a thousand jewels to crown the happy season. A subtle joy steals into the hearts of all the university district people and they begin to long for some visible expression of the light, warmth, and beauty which they feel. They become nearly akin to the old Romans in their desire to pay tribute to the vision of spring.

The young women are asked to pay this tribute. Even the college men who think outdoor sports are solely within the masculine sphere advocate the May fête. It is a living metaphor. A frolic held on the velvet turf by the loveliest buds and blossoms of our civilization.

Every one acclaims it as most apropos of the season.

So, when the first new downy green tips the fir trees, students begin to talk of plans for the spring festival. Years ago, at Washington, the peasant and Greek maidens' dances and the winding of the May pole took place. Two years ago a masque for the fête was written by a campus dramatist. It was a pantomime wherein Zephyr summoned the South Winds to battle against Winter and her satellites and when they were banished, Spring came to awaken the flowers and butterflies.

Last year there was talk of giving up the fête because of insufficient coaching, but such a storm of protest arose from people for miles around that the Greek maidens, peasant dances, and the Maypole winding were given. This year there will be another masque, written by university talent, and a plan for improving our natural stadium presents opportunities for an establishment of a fête of uniform character to be held annually in the future.

Marjorie Kohlman

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

"Spring, spring, gentle spring
Hither haste and with thee bring
Jest and youthful jollity,
Quips and cranks and wanton wiles,
Nods and becks and wreathed smiles
Such as hang on Hebe's cheek
And love to live in dimples sleek,
Come and trip it as you go
On the light, fantastic toe."

Spring at the University of North Dakota is not fairly ushered in until the annual May fête is put on by the young women of the gymnasium classes. Of all the affairs of the kind, one of the prettiest was that in the spring of 1917 when Kappa Alpha Theta furnished the most gracious of queens in our sister, Gertrude Healy. She led the procession around the campus, received her crown at the hands of President McVey, and from her throne near the fountain accepted the homage of the multitude of gaily dressed maidens who came from all lands to join in the fête.

There was the usual appreciative audience seated and standing about the ground set apart for the dancers, for this is one performance that the Grand Forks people would not like to miss. It would be hard to tell which group of girls received the most applause, for all, from the gypsies and Hungarians to Yama Yama girls and the Venetian flower dancers, elicited much praise from the admiring

crowd.

The crowning feature, as always, was the winding of the May pole. This is done by girls in pure white wearing pink and green caps and girdles, who by marching and countermarching wind the pole in a pretty pattern in the university colors. At the conclusion of this number, music calls out all the groups to share in the final revel, and the fête is indeed ushered in once more.

Enid Young

SWARTHMORE

Swarthmore's May day was very impressive. The weather man showed student government that he could easily reverse a decision made by us, for although we decided to hold our May fête at six A. M. May 1, he was too much for us and we were obliged to hold it at six P. M. May 2.

It is the custom for each freshman girl to hang a May basket on one of the senior girls' door, early on May morn. The freshmen were hustling around getting their May baskets hung at five A. M. when it started to rain and continued to rain hard all day.

The exercises were held on the east campus by the rose garden. Helen Coles, a Theta senior, was queen of the May. As she took her place the maid of honor, who is always a freshman, crowned her. Next the herald, who was dressed like the Jack of Hearts, did a solo dance and then called everyone to the May. The six flower girls were dressed in Grecian costume and danced very gracefully. The class dances came next. The classes formed in squares, each class standing opposite a pole, ribboned with its class colors. All the girls were dressed in white, except the seniors. They wore caps and gowns, as in previous years, and did a more stately dance. After the dancing the seniors marched to the east steps and sang. When they had finished, the door opened and the juniors came forth and sang. This giving over of the east steps is a rather solemn performance, because it is the first sign that the seniors give of resigning their places to the juniors.

Dorothy Young

DE PAUW

"O what is so rare as a day in June?" Well, we think there is a day in May that is fully as rare as any day June ever possesses. What day, you ask? Why, May day, of course. This is the time when the coed comes into her own; the shy freshman comes forth with all the naïvete of her eighteen summers, the staid senior forgets her dignity and romps and frolics with the gayest, and Man, mere Man, why, he just steps out of the way, that's all.

Back in 1910 someone had a dream. She dreamed that De Pauw girls should have a day of their very own, just as De Pauw men had their Old Gold Day. And she dreamed it so hard and so earnestly that at length such a day was established and May day was placed for the first time on the De Pauw calendar. Such a day as that was, too! Bright and early in the morning everyone donned his best bib and tucker and went to chapel. In the afternoon there was a number of aesthetic dances with the enthroning of the May Queen and the winding of the May pole as the crowning events. But the most beautiful feature of the day was staged in the evening. Just

as the moon was peeping over the chimney-top of the little old, ivy-covered Art building and a soft breeze was stealing "out of the Somewhere into the Here" bringing with it all the sweetness of lilacs and roses, a throng of white-clad girls, each carrying a colored Japanese lantern, wound in and out and back and forth in the intricate figures of a Lantern Parade. And when the last notes of the orchestra died away and the last glimpse of filmy white was lost in the night, the Old Moon looked down and I'm sure he must have folded his hands, smiled benignly, and maybe winked at his cousin Mars as he said, "Well, who'd a thunk it?" And, indeed, who would have? Such a perfect day as that!

From that time on, May day has always been looked forward to as truly a gala day and each has been, if possible, a little more beautiful than the last. Milk-maids and pierrettes, Martha Washingtons and Greek Cassandras have marched hand in hand through the past eight years with always the queen of the May leading the way. And each year Theta girls have been prominent in planning and taking

part in all of the exercises.

In 1914 the custom of serving breakfast in cafeteria style on the campus, was established. Dormitories turned deaf ears to any cries for food, house managers locked fraternity kitchens to hungry Greeks, and at eight o'clock the whole university assembled on East campus

to partake of delicious waffles and coffee at ten cents per.

Last year after the usual breakfast on the campus, all the girls of the university, dressed in their class garb, formed in line and marched to the athletic field. Here all sorts of contests took place and "Vanity of vanities," saith Alpha, "all is vanity," for she simply took all the honors of the morning! First came the tennis tournament, and two Thetas, Grace Whitsell and Helen Hanna, played against each other in the finals. In the following contests, the hurdles, high jump, etc. Anah Webb, Grace Whitsell, Helen Hanna, and Florence Heritage distinguished themselves and Theta by taking about all the honors there were. And finally—we fairly burst with pride whenever we think about it—Florence Heritage broke the World's record in the discus throw. In the afternoon, a pageant written and directed by Miss Sophia Steese, the physical director (and a Theta, too, by the way) was given. In this, again, our girls had a prominent part. In the evening, the play, Trojan women, was staged in the gymnasium.

The plans for this year's May day have not fully materialized yet, but a pageant in keeping with the present times is being arranged and, of course, there will be the usual May day dances. And so, although it is war times, for that one day "we'll jump the life to come" and "we'll away and mock the time with fairest show." There will be no "double, double, toil and trouble" and altogether

we'll drop from "The tempest" of college life into "A Midsummer night's dream"—and, anyway, "All's well that ends as you like it."

Margaretta Stevenson '21

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

May day at the University of Missouri is one of the activities of the year in which the entire body of university women takes part. Classes are dismissed for the afternoon and everyone gathers to see the May queen crowned. The queen is chosen from the senior class and is elected by vote, every woman in the university who is a member of the Student government association is allowed a vote. This year, however, every university woman will be eligible to vote for the queen, for according to our new registration rules every woman is now a member of the Student government association.

The celebration takes place on the campus in front of Academic hall and is a very impressive spectacle. The procession comes from the front of this building as the university band plays on the balcony just above the steps. First the heralds appear and march down toward the columns followed by the entire senior and junior classes who stand grouped around the base of the columns. The seniors in their caps and gowns and the other girls in white form an effective background for the throne of the queen.

Then the queen with her four pages who are little girls dressed in white, walks slowly across the campus to the throne. She is accompanied by her maid of honor and eight attendants who wear Grecian costumes and carry large baskets of flowers. Just before the queen is crowned interpretative dances are given, an effective feature of which is the dance portraying the coming of a storm and then the reappearance of the sun. The May-pole dance which is given by the underclassmen is always effective.

Then the queen is crowned by the president of the Student government association, who places a crown of flowers upon her head. Alpha Mu was fortunate last year in having Anne Stewart, a senior in the school of education, elected May queen.

Adelle Sennott

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

The May Festival is always held in a picturesque hollow, which is enclosed by small hills, making of it almost a natural amphitheater. The scenery lends itself quite perfectly to such a festival, there being a spring and small lake at the west end of the enclosure. As the name indicates, the fête is given some time during the month of May

The general direction and management of the May fête is in the hands of the Woman's council. Various committees are appointed to take charge of the different parts of the arrangements, and their chairmen form a central executive committee. Aside from these student committees, there is a group of faculty members who super-

vise and work with the students. These faculty members represent the gymnasium, art, and English departments, as well as other interested and capable persons. This group works out the theme of the festival and arranges the color scheme and dances, thus harmonizing the general effect of the picture.

An interesting feature is the competitive individual and group dancing, prizes being given to the best dancers. The four classes

are also represented by dances.

The Woman's council selects five senior girls, from which number the senior girls select one as May queen. The other four form a court for her. A junior girl is also selected, who receives the lantern of knowledge from the queen. This tradition is always a part of the May Festival.

An effort is made every year to include as many girls as possible in the different dances, for where there is an active part, there is also interest. This, of course, necessitates a great deal of practicing

before any degree of perfection can be attained.

Because last year was the tercentenary of Shakespeare's birth, the May fête was Elizabethan in character. There was a village queen as well as an Elizabeth, the identity of the two queens not being disclosed until the day of the festival, the mystery giving added interest to the performance.

Coming, as it does, at the time when the campus is most beautiful and when the spirit of spring is rampant, the May fête may be said to be one of the prettiest and most successful of student affairs.

Helene Patton

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

The idea of having a May day at Washington university was first conceived by Fannie Hurst, then a student in the university. As a result of her work the first May day was held in 1909 in the court of McMillan hall, the girls' dormitory. This first attempt at a celebration was in the form of a reception, at which all of the girl students acted as hostesses. During the afternoon, a May-pole dance was given. Although the dominant idea was that of advertising the university, we have much for which to thank Fannie Hurst, who has lately acquired fame in the literary world.

The next year the attempt was more pretentious and was entirely in the hands of the physical training director. For several years it was customary to present a Shakespearian play or old masque, sup-

plemented by a May-pole dance.

In 1914 a new tradition was started, which bids fair to be a permanent one, that is students write the play. The first year a woman

student wrote the music also.

McMillan court is an ideal place for such a May-day celebration, being a quadrangle surrounded by the dormitory built in the Tudor-Gothic style. A grandstand is erected, making it possible for the performance to be given on the grass, with a background of greenery and lattice work. An afternoon and evening performance is given here. Just before the afternoon performance, the vice-president of the senior class plants ivy somewhere around the building, and places beside it a stone marked with her class numerals. So, all along the court can now be seen the white stones and the great ivy vines clinging to the walls above them.

The girls who are eligible for the performance are those living in the hall, and those fraternity and Young Women's Christian association girls whose organizations rent rooms. Although each eligible girl pays dues fixed at \$1.50 or \$2.00, there is given, usually in April, a vaudeville to raise money to help defray the expenses of May day.

This is the only day of the year on which the dormitory is thrown open to men, who may visit the girls' fraternity rooms on this day.

NEWCOMB

There is perhaps no celebration in the college year that justifies the attention of students and faculty alike, as does that of May day. It is fitting that we should rejoice with Nature in her triumph over Winter. And, because of this justification, away back in the January of 1914, the class of Newcomb juniors decided that Newcomb should have a May day, the very first one in the history of the college.

It came about in this way. Newcomb's isolation makes intercollegiate athletics practically impossible, so that interclass and interdepartment basketball has to be resorted to. This form of sport necessarily plays havoc with college spirit and sometimes even with class spirit because of the intense rivalry that is fostered in the race for the championship cups. This was the exact condition of affairs when the 1915 class of Newcomb juniors decided that they had been "mean" long enough to their beloved seniors and planned May day in honor of 1914.

Every member of the junior class was enthusiastic. Plans couldn't be formulated too quickly. One thing was definitely agreed upon from the very outset, viz. that the whole thing should be a dead secret. To relieve the minds of any incredulous readers as to this virtue of secrecy, commonly denied in the universal belief, "Women can't keep a secret," let me say that it was kept to the very day chosen, May 2, and that even the queen's name, voted on months before, was not divulged—no, not even by her own fraternity sisters. Unheard of and marvelous, yet true.

Preparations went ahead rapidly, after it had been decided to have the usual crowning of the queen, the procession through the campus, and the folk dances to be given at the queen's bidding, with the May-pole dance as a finale. Unusual jumping up and down noises and closed doors in the Students' club room, once or twice a week made the seniors inquisitive and even unsuspecting freshmen tugged away at junior heart to find out something, but all to no avail.

Finally, the big day arrived and in answer to the "dearest" invitations, designed and executed by 1915's art students in the Newcomb school of art, the whole senior class, gowned with all the glory of seniorhood, took the places that had been roped off for them with wondrous pink roses and greens, under the spreading live oaks for which Newcomb campus is famous. Thirteen spring maidens from the junior class opened the pageant with a cleverly executed dance that had been fitted to music by different members of the class, and that symbolized the death of Winter and the birth of Spring. With garlands of flowers, Spring, accompanied by her twelve maidens, danced to the place where the honorees were seated and roped in the senior chosen as Newcomb's first May queen. The queen was crowned by the president of junior class and a scepter of flowers given her. Each maid was presented with a beautiful Marie Antoinette basket of sweet peas and asparagus ferns.

After the dances, the hundreds of spectators that had witnessed Newcomb's May day voted it a huge success with rounds of applause. The enthusiasm of the sophomores assured the juniors that the idea underlying the beautiful festival would be carried out by "succeeding generations," an assurance that was not unfounded for the class of 1915, as seniors, found themselves the inspiration of the lovely

May day given them by the juniors of 1916.

Louise Berrey

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Often it happens at the University of Wisconsin, that the snow is yet on the ground when the girls are organized to practice their May dances. All arrangements for the May fête are in the hands of the very competent women's physical training faculty. The freshmen and sophomores learn the dances at their regular gymnasium period, while special classes are scheduled for upperclassmen who wish to sign up for a part in the festival. The classes are always full, for it is a time-honored custom for the girls to dance on the campus in May. The costumes are designed by some member at the Home economics department and are always extraordinary for their artistic Weeks before the fête, the designer with her corps of assistants is busily engaged with rolls and rolls of gay colored muslins and cheesecloth, up on the fifth floor of Lathrop hall. Hundreds of costumes are cut out, fifty of a kind for one dance, thirty for another, and ten for another. Each piece is carefully marked; all the parts of each costume are gone over to see that not a thing, not even the ribbon for the cap is forgotten; then they are fixed in bundles ready for the girls to call for them. The actual sewing is done by the girls themselves. For a week the sewing machines on fifth floor are not idle one moment.

By this time, all have learned their dances and then there is a final rehearsal with the band. On the day set for the fête, generally in the middle or toward the end of May, about 4:30 in the afternoon, the

procession forms at Lathrop hall and marches across the campus to the long green hill stretching out in front of University hall. The eager crowd, packed just as closely as possible around the oblong space roped off for the dancers, crane their necks to see what the costumes are like this year. The senior girls in their caps and gowns lead the procession; then comes the Queen of the May, followed by all the sets of dancers. They promenade up and down the campus in a beautiful grand march, so the audience will see them all. Then

they form at the sides, ready for the special numbers.

Each year a different scheme is carried out. In 1915, an old English fête was imitated as far as possible. There was a dance of the milk-maids with their milk pails clinking on their arms. The shepherdesses in flowered dresses and big hats did a sedate dance, flourishing with dignity their tall crooks. The morris dancers in tall black hats and immense collars were a special feature. The English village maidens danced to the tune of Lavendar's green dilly, dilly. All the music was most appropriate and old. One picturesque number was a dance of Robin Hood and his men, who afterward amused the crowd by some expert shooting at a target. Of course, there are always the glorious many-colored May poles. The girls who get to dance around them consider themselves lucky indeed. Their dance is the most difficult, however, for they wind the ribbons around the pole in many intricate designs. Sometimes a regular clown or two goes around making fun among the dancers.

Another year the costumes and dances were to carry out the idea of the seasons of the year. One dance was to represent the ocean waves. A large number of girls in blue and gray, letting blue scarfs flutter before them in the wind, seemed literally to roll across the green. There was also dances of the autumn leaves, the flowers, the wind, and the rain. A few picked dancers made exquisite wood nymphs, while two girls dressed as Mercury and Pan did solo dances.

But just the dancing on the campus is not the only way the good old May day is celebrated. The whole town decorates for the occasion, the fraternity houses being especially gay with lanterns and red W's. The next morning there are crew races between the colleges and the classes on Lake Mendota. The second night is always Venetian night. All the piers along the lake are strung with lanterns. Many canoes and crafts of all kinds lit up with fanciful designs make the lake beautiful. On a platform out in the lake, fireworks are set off to add to the brilliant scene.

Mary Ashby

PURDUE

At Purdue May day means an all day celebration with classes dismissed. The day starts with a circus parade. The various fraternities and organizations enter floats and a prize is offered for the cleverest. All Lafayette turns out to see this and enjoy it as they do a real circus.

The afternoon is given over entirely to the girls and the May day exercises take place on the campus. A procession, headed by the Purdue band is formed, and includes the May queen and her party, followed by all the participants in the exercises. This procession marches from Ladies' hall down the street and enters the campus. The queen is led to her throne and then crowned. The masque takes place before her throne and is composed of love scenes from different Shakespearian plays, elaborated by dances of the season, sheperds and shepherdesses, daffodils, narcissus, and minuet. The program also includes solo dances by some of the talented children of the city. The celebration ends with the May-pole dance and then the procession forms and marches off the campus.

The day ends with the Purdue circus in the evening, held on Stuart field and given by the men of the university. There are some clever stunts given and everyone agrees that the day is well worth

a dismissal of classes.

Philena Palmer

OKLAHOMA

The beautiful old custom of May day festivities has been most enthusiastically revived at Oklahoma university. But here in our sunny south land it is not a celebration of the coming of spring, for spring has long since come. We celebrate the real presence of spring,

and the promise of summer to come.

Our first thoughts of May day are in January, when the May queen is chosen, for our May queen is elected by popular vote. Then the direction of the entire affair is turned over to our gymnasium instructor. Under her supervision all plans are made and training commenced. From this time the gymnasium classes are practicing the folk dances and the winding of the May pole. All such preparations are perfected by the appointed time and the event is staged on a grassy plot near the edge of the campus. At a suitable time the queen chooses her attendants, twelve in number, and her Robin Hood, who in turn selects his foresters.

Then, in the dusk of the May day evening, the queen, followed by her attendants and entertainers, all dressed in white, approaches her beautiful woodland throne. On a smooth, grassy knoll, surrounded by a half circle of locust trees, the throne is placed at the foot of the largest tree. As this is the time when there is a wealth of pretty flowers, these trees are loaded with their large, fragrant blossoms, and the throne is a mass of white beauty. At the foot of the throne the queen meets Robin Hood who has come from the opposite direction, followed by his wearers of the hunter's green. To the music of hidden players Robin Hood crowns the queen and takes his place beside her. They are then entertained by the May pole dance, which is always a fascinating spectacle. The whole performance is supplemented by the dancing of the simple little folk dances of the student assistants.

This introduction of the customs of peaceful old England—the picturesque pastoral setting and the quaint old dances—brings a quiet and restful atmosphere into our ordinary, busy days, which is appreciably noticeable all over the campus. May day, with its accompanying festivities, entered into enthusiastically by both performers and spectators, is a date in the college year which leaves memories of interest, beauty, and enjoyment for all concerned.

Irene March

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

A number of years ago in the University of Kansas, May day was given over to class fights. These fights became so intense and bitter that many of the boys were seriously hurt. Finally our chancellor proposed a compromise. If class fights were given up, he agreed to give us a holiday on the first of May. And so from a day of confusion and turmoil and accidents May day became one of our most peaceful and delightful holidays. Usually in the afternoon we have a May fête controlled on alternate years by the Women's student government association or the Young Women's Christian association. The May queen is chosen from the senior girls and her maids are the members of Torch, an honorary senior girls' association composed of

the nine most prominent and popular girls in the class.

Last year a long procession led by the queen and her maids marched from the gymnasium to McCook field. In this procession all the departments of the university were represented—the French department, by the elaborately gowned and powdered and puffed men and women of the days of the great kings of France, the entomology department by gayly dancing bugs and butterflies, the botany department by girls dressed as flowers, the English department by Desdemona, Othello, Oliver Twist, Nancy Sikes, and many other well-known characters, and the other departments in characteristic ways. Important in the procession, also, was the university band. All this motley crowd assembled in the oval-shaped field which in the fall is the scene of our big battles in football, but which on May day is a bright green lawn. Here on her throne, surrounded by her maids the queen watched the pageants as they passed in review before her. A number of folk dances were given by some of the gymnastic classes and also several interpretative dances were given. The last pageant was a dance of the flags in which our own flag was, of course, most prominent. It was all a very satisfying day. The people who had been sitting on the tiers of seats said so, and the small boys who had climbed trees on the hillside behind in order to obtain a view without the admission price, declared it was a "pretty good show," which, for them, was high praise, Frances Hitchcock, Kappa

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

May day at the University of Montana is an annual event.

All the women of the university are members of Woman's league, an organization for the betterment of all women students. At a regular meeting of this organization, election of May queen is held, at which time one member of the association is chosen for this honor.

In the morning of the day set aside for the May day festivities the men and women of the university give a parade for the people of Missoula. The fraternities and the different organizations and departments of the college have special floats.

In the afternoon, the May queen is crowned amid dancing and singing of usually half of the women enrolled in the university. This makes about 150 dancers and singers. This festivity takes place in the middle of the oval in front of University hall. It is a pretty demonstration and the dancers wear costumes appropriate for the different dances they give. In the evening of May day, a carnival is held in the gymnasium. Each fraternity, society, organization, and class puts on a stunt.

SCHOLASTIC HONORS

An Addition

We regret that from the honors appearing in the January issue one, at least, was omitted and we are glad to add to that list the following:

Alpha: Marjorie Green elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

VOCATIONS

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL

Those who were interested in the list of vocations now pursued by college women which appeared in our January issue, will also find interesting a pamphlet issued in March, 1917, by the New York Intercollegiate bureau of occupations. Its title is *Classified list of vocations for trained women:* its price twelve cents when supplied from the Bureau's office, 19 W. 44th st. New York City.

The contents of these two lists is almost identical, though the latter adds some positions held by trained women though seldom by college trained women. They differ radically as to classification, the Bureau's list, for instance going into detail as to types of jobs in specific lines of business, while our list emphasizes types of work common to most business and thus avoids much duplication of the names of positions. Again the Bureau's list is very general in treating of scientific openings, that are detailed under specific titles in our list.

The most illuminating part of the Bureau's list is the elaborate and detailed classification of positions under Social work. There our future Social workers can learn how specialized their field has already become and so direct their training into the channel that makes the deepest appeal to them.

NEW VOCATIONS

Interesting new fields for college women that have been reported this winter include:

Detroit: Women to train for positions as department heads in a manufacturing plant. The requirements were college education and youth; the workers entered the factory as regular employees at \$18 per week, with promise of rapid advancement to the positions of responsibility.

Philadelphia: Public service corporations and railroads are taking

young women into their drafting-rooms.

Chicago: The Western electric co. for the first time in its history has opened the doors of its laboratories to women chemists, while the Western union, Hart, Shaffner, and Marx, and Montgomery and Ward desire college women who are willing to grow into executive work.

New York: Call for employment managers, for a graduate nurse with college training who is also a stenographer to go to Europe as secretary to a surgeon.

Kansas City: Pathologists for a hospital.

Government service: Innumerable civil service positions formerly "for men only" are now open on equal terms to women and each week sees additions to the list. For instance in the Postoffice department, announcements of civil service examinations no longer specify "sex to which open"; women are invited to take the examinations for ship and engine draftsmen in the Navy department; and women only are eligible for the War department's examination for inspectors of undergarments in the Quartermasters' Corps.

VOCATIONS VS DRAFT IN BOSTON

Mary Tenney Healy, investigator for the Women's educational and industrial union of Boston, has been investigating the employment openings for women in Boston that resulted from the draft. Some of the facts as set forth in a recent issue of the Journal of the Association of collegiate alumnæ are of special interest to our readers.

Half of the 270 firms canvassed had had their staffs seriously affected by the draft, and about two-thirds of this half were putting women in the places of men, or were willing to do so, if suitable women were available.

However, in Boston the great majority of positions opened to women by the draft were of minor character, vacancies in better positions were filled by promotion, and dozens of untrained high school girls were wanted for the most mechanical of clerical jobs. Still there were better openings too, an increasing number as the

successive increments of drafted men were called to camp.

Good chances were open for women as drug clerks, but there were not half enough candidates with pharmaceutical training available. Chemists of all kinds would be needed in constantly increasing numbers. A large milk concern was adding women to its bacteriological staff. Mailing clerks, elevator girls, window dressers were the new openings in department stores. A good many openings were found in the leather business; one manager wanted four commercial artists at once; salesmen (or women) and a manager were wanted by another such firm. The openings in real estate were most promising; two proprietors going into government service were desirous either of selling out to women or of leaving them as managers during the war. In insurance were many attractive openings; one firm wanted college graduates particularly and emphasized the type of woman to succeed in this business—she must have integrity of character, good presence, and magnetic personality.

NOTES FROM THE COLLEGIATE EMPLOY-MENT BUREAUS

"During December the Bureau received calls for analytical chemists, physicists trained for plant test work, mechanical draftswomen to start tracing of plant layout, piping, and other work incidental to the development of a chemical plant. There were also requests for hospital laboratory technicians, social workers with a knowledge of Slavic languages, girls' club organizers accustomed to public speaking, a campaign worker, a farmer for special work on a dairy farm.

As the war progresses this Bureau has had an increasing number of requests for the trained case worker not only in connection with standard social organizations but also with special war agencies.

The year's records show a greater number of calls for laboratory technicians in hospitals. In fact any college or technical school graduates with special training or experience are in great demand."—Philadelphia.

"What kinds of positions do you fill?" is the question we hear every day. Among our placements lately have been a librarian with the Chicago Historical society, an artist with a firm of designers and illuminators, a lunchroom supervisor, an executive for one of the department stores to follow up the charge accounts which have lapsed, a stenographer with knowledge of French and Spanish for a translating bureau, an editor for a medical journal, two college girls as correspondents with a firm in Indiana to take the place of college men; two library assistants with the Crerar library, a secretary for one of the department heads of a Chicago newspaper, a secretary for the president of a college in Texas, a city home economics agent for the city of Omaha, an investigator for the National women's trade union league, a cafeteria director for a Y. W. C. A., a book reviewer for a weekly paper, a route tracer for the Automobile blue book, a piece-work artist for an interior decorator."—Chicago.

"The demand for women trained in special lines of work and able to hold responsible office positions is at present much greater than the supply. As the weeks go by this demand promises to be increased and we shall have to make a special effort to discover candidates. It may also happen that employers will have to take inexperienced workers."—New York.

"The advice to college girls, so often reiterated, to learn short-hand has recently proved its value in a number of instances. For example a very interesting opportunity is offered to a girl with stenographic training who has had college chemistry and would like industrial-chemical research; to a girl who has had good grounding in economics, a position is offered as assistant to a professor of economics, correcting books, etc. with opportunity for advanced study, and to a third, there is an opening with a fine future in the employment department of a large industrial plant."—Boston.

"At no time since this Bureau opened have promising positions in many different lines of work for even inexperienced workers carried such reasonable initial salaries. It is still somewhat of a problem to make the employer discern the potential efficiency of the college girl and to offer her adequate compensation for her work. Unfortunately it is too often the college girl's fault that the employer does not offer her the "remunerative position" which she so eagerly anticipates. Until she has realized that she must give to a position and learn from it as well as draw a salary because of her four years in college; until she is wise enough to find that detail and routine are often a saving grace, and until she has herself so well trained and poised that she can be interested in the work at hand and not always be looking for something "unusual" and "interesting," she will make many an employer pause and ponder before he is willing to try her out."—Chicago.

"The tremendous loss in the nation's productive power entailed by the present war will probably force not only the increased employment of women for the duration of the war but for many years afterward. This makes of the vocational training of women a question of far-reaching importance. A great deal has been said to encourage college undergraduates to complete the academic course. It is no less imperative that the quality of the training should be constantly scrutinized and the student be sent out a more efficient worker than her predecessors have been."—New York.

"For women with technical equipment in scientific work, social work, or secretarial work, for example, there is never a dearth of positions; for women who have had no previous experience, and who are interested in "anything," we have difficulty in finding a suitable opening, where their education can be utilized, and where such women would be satisfied with the salary and the future offered.

"We wish that all schools and colleges where women are receiving their education could inform their students of what the world has to offer in the way of opportunities for self-support and usefulness, even though they do not train the students definitely for such positions. Some colleges are able to prepare a girl for immediate service by offering courses in drafting, elementary engineering, advanced chemistry or other science, social service, business administration or other technical subjects. That there is need for this definite preparation is not doubted by any who do placement work among women."—Pittsburgh.

"The displacement of labor owing to the first draft seems in Chicago to have resulted in more openings in minor positions and along industrial lines than in the responsible and highly specialized fields. Employers tell us, however, that with the second draft the demand for women will be great. There still is a very deep impression abroad that there are numerous positions open to women, and

women who have never had any training or experience, women who are tired of keeping house or of doing club work, women who want to give up teaching, girls who have just finished college with no special end in view, all these more or less untrained women come to the office or write to us, feeling sure that there must be something desirable for each one. It is a time of general unrest and uncertainty and of vague reaching out. It would seem to be as patriotic a duty for the office staff of a collegiate bureau to direct the ambitions and energies of the women who seek its advice and counsel and to raise the entire standard of work for women as it would be to take the next ship for France."—Chicago.

"The interest in after-care for mental patients is steadily increasing and there is found to be a great dearth of trained workers. It is proposed to form psychiatric units both for this country and Europe to take care of such patients and Miss Jarett, chief of the social work in the Psychopathic hospital in Boston, has asked the bureau to assist her in finding candidates for training in that hospital, where an eight months' course is given."—Boston.

VOCATION NOTES

A recent vocation questionnaire sent the women at the university of Kansas gave the following "intended vocations" as their choice. More than 800 answered the questions, 11 of whom plan to be physicians, 5 expect to enter active business, 1 will be a "salesman," 5 are studying architecture, 500 expect to teach, 3 are to be chemists, 6 bacteriologists, 5 dietitians, and "a large number" propose to follow journalism as a vocation.

The United States Department of labor's newly established Employment service includes a women's section under the care of Miss Hilda Mulhauser. The offices of this service will be established in cities throughout the country. Some of the offices will attempt to find work for trained college women as well as for the more usual type of industrial workers; the Cleveland, Ohio, bureau is the first to have a college section working.

Anyone interested in the possibilities of salesmanship as a vocation should read *Department store education* by Helen Rich Norton. It is published by the United States Bureau of education, price twenty-five cents.

A DEAN'S VIEWS

It is no longer satisfying to declare to the young woman that college is the place in which to learn to think straight and to build character, and to say that a college training should give an intellectual grasp on human experience is only a glittering generality. Somehow or other the four years of college training must be made part of a steady progress in living, not an isolated time of protection

from the cares and sorrows of the world set aside for self-development or intellectual adornment. The high-minded student of today wants thought and character definitely directed to some serviceable activity by which life in reasonable comfort may be supported and the general welfare advanced. One of the chief duties of the adviser is clearly, therefore, to be informed in regard to the various kinds of training open to college women and the fields of profitable activity to which such training leads. With such information at hand an adviser may reveal outlets for the inclination and ability of women which will serve to focus and vitalize a college course. The young woman who thought dully that if she must be self-supporting she must be a teacher, though she was unfit by inclination and personality, will be shown other possibilities which will make the prospect of self-

support at least interesting.

It is astonishing what a variety of choice the adviser may set before the freshman. Even in a college of letters and science, organized on more or less conservative lines, there are numberless opportunities. For instance, in scientific departments, such as anatomy, chemistry, botany, hygiene, pathology, physics, zoology, the laboratory assistant, the expert technician, and the research assistant are trained, In the Departments of botany and zoology, the scientific illustrator finds a place. The Department of economics trains secretaries and accountants and business executives while in its branch of social economics, it equips students for many lines of social work. An all-round course in a college of letters and science is coming to be recognized as an indispensable preliminary to a librarian's or to a literary secretary's training. In the technical schools of a university, agriculture offers varied training for women, from the testing of seeds and other laboratory work to the work of the florist and poultry farmer. Home economics in its household science branch proposes to graduate well-equipped dietitians, physicians' helpers, food analysts, cafeteria and restaurant managers, while in its household art branch it trains designers of costumes, interior decorators, professional shoppers, etc.

All of the foregoing opportunities are included in a four or five years' course. There are other important vocational fields which can be reached only by a longer training. The training for public health visitor, for instance, covers in many cases, six years. In many colleges it is now proposed under stress of war to combine the academic and the nurse's training in a five-year course. Hitherto to secure the bachelor's degree and the certificate of graduation from a training school for nurses, seven years were necessary. There are also professional schools of architecture, law, and medicine which have always attracted their quota of women with definite gift and purpose, who usually do not seek the kind offices of the adviser in choosing their field. These represent only a few of the paths to use-

Vocations

fulness which a diligent seeker may discover already within the an-

nounced scope of college work.

To many readers the foregoing may seem an enumeration as dry, stale, and unprofitable as Homer's catalogue of ships and far less euphonious. But the time has surely come when the interest of women must be drawn to vocations other than teaching, and colleges and universities, however conservative, must offer adequate training and equipment for new lines of work. The great profession of teaching must be left in the hands of those who are adapted to it while those who are not adapted to it are steered in congenial

ways where their native ability will find free play.

In the restless changes of war conditions, neither young men or women will be attracted or held to higher education unless that education points them to a greater measure of usefulness than may be attained without it. While the times are rapidly making new opportunities, the colleges are opening slowly but surely an enlarged choice of training for women. The freshman is uncomfortably conscious of the former condition. The adviser should be so conscious of the latter as to be able to banish the freshman's doubts of the significance of her college course.—Dean Lucy Ward Stebbins, University of California in Γ Φ B Crescent.

WAR SERVICE AT HOME FOR THE COLLEGE NURSE

"The trained nurse with a background of college education is needed in every county in the land," said Lillian Wald. And when she heard of the new project to fit college women for the nursing profession—the Training camp for nurses to be held at Vassar college this summer-she exclaimed, "The graduates of this school will prove invaluable!"

Miss Wald had particular reference to service in the great field of public health nursing, which as well as military nursing is causing concern to the Red Cross and the Council of National Defense. It

is under their joint auspices that the camp is being held.

According to Dean Herbert E. Mills, for many years professor of economics at Vassar, and as highly regarded in the nursing profession as among the economists and sociologists, college women graduate with a strong bent towards social service. Many are ready to take two or even three years' further preparation for social work. But few, surprisingly few, enter training schools for nurses, and this in spite of the close relation between the public health and social work fields. The reason, Dr Mills feels, has been the duplication of work which college women have to undergo in the regular nursing courses, and their not unnatural feeling that much of it is needless drudgery, and that their previous equipment should count for something towards a nurse's degree.

This handicap, which has kept so many interested women from becoming trained public health workers, has been largely overcome by the project which Miss Wald greeted with such enthusiasm, and social workers everywhere, as well as members of the nursing profession, are hailing the Vassar camp as a definite step forward.

Briefly, the plan follows closely the idea of the intensive training camps for officers for the army held last summer. Indeed, it is

informally called "The Plattsburgh for college women."

"I knew about the shortage of nurses in public health work through my own interest in such matters," said Mrs John Wood Blodgett, the Vassar alumna who worked out the plan and put it through its difficult preliminary stages. "And when I was appointed chairman of a committee to devise some patriotic use for the Vassar buildings and grounds during the summer of 1918 I soon discovered an even more immediate shortage—that facing the military forces, which require from twelve to fifteen thousand trained nurses for every million men. It seemed to me that the greatest need, both for war and peace, for definite woman's work now before the country, was this universal demand for trained nurses—that is, women with the "R. N." degree, the only standard recognized by the Red Cross and the government."

Her investigations disclosed to Mrs Blodgett a really alarming outlook not only for the war forces, but for home equipment both now and after the close of the war. The situation was complicated by the fact that, with so many doctors and officials from the nursing profession out of the country, the highest type of woman was most in demand. Administrative positions in hospitals needed filling, and the sort of woman who could act with resourcefulness, initiative, and wide grasp of affairs was everywhere in demand. Forty odd branches of public health work were undeveloped to their full

capacity because of the lack of educated, trained workers.

"Julia Lathrop told me," went on Mrs Blodgett, "that if she had 20,000 nurses right now she could reduce infant mortality in this country to a minimum. And when you add the possibilities for tuberculosis work, school visiting, rural inspection, prenatal instruction, infant welfare work, mental and nervous preventative treatment—and dozens of other specialized branches—you can see what opportunities open to the college woman who adds to her already fine equipment of economics, psychology, languages, and physiology, the special training of a registered nurse."

But there still remains the great drawback—the length of time and duplication of effort necessary to equip these college women with the degree opening the door to these administrative and executive positions. Here is where "Plattsburgh" proved a magic word, as it had with the preparing of well-educated men for officers' positions in the

positions in the rapidly recruited army.

"It occurred to me," said Mrs Blodgett, "that the same principle could be applied to fitting women for the nursing profession, whether they wanted to take up war work or public health interests. Their college education not only gives them a definite head start towards the degree, it presupposes an ability for intensive, concentrated work, both theoretical and practical. It is on this equipment and this ability that we depend."

The three months' course will train the students at the camp in a variety of subjects, including dietetics, drugs and solutions, psychology, social economics, anatomy, bacteriology, historic aspects of nursing, etc. Coordinated with the study courses will be laboratory work, observation clinics, and visits to nearby hospitals, institutions, The foremost specialists of the country will teach their particular branches. From the training camp, the students will enter hospitals in groups of from ten to forty, and there were two hundred applications for the graduates of the camp before even one member was enrolled. The probationary work will be shortened for these recruits, varying from six months to a year according to the local hospitals entered. Although it is distinctly understood that this three months' course in no way fits the students for immediate service abroad, there will inevitably be "war work" for the graduates. In the first place, a patriotic service is performed by releasing for the front women of greater training and capabilities. Then with the return of wounded and sick from American forces abroad, local hospitals will certainly affiliate with base hospitals prepared for these cases, and since the nurses are given actual work with patients from the start of their probationary period, it is not at all unlikely that they will assist in the care of these returned war victims. Others may be assigned to base hospitals at the training camps throughout the country. And for those who prefer public health work, with its specialized knowledge and individual responsibility, there will be constructive work for the families of soldiers, with invalided men not listed as hospital cases, as well as with the usual malnutrition, overwork, industrial, and maternity cases which are the sequels of the abnormal conditions of the war.

All college women who are graduates of standard colleges or universities are eligible for entrance, if they are graduates of classes from 1908 to 1918. Good health, of course, is a prerequisite. The fee for the course, including board, lodging, tuition, and a small amount of laundry, is \$95 "less than it would cost me to live for three months at home," as one applicant remarked. All the Vassar facilities are to be at the disposal of the guests—the laboratories, infirmary, model kitchen, and recitation halls for work; the attractively furnished dormitories for living; the lakes, athletic fields, outdoor theater, students' building, tennis courts, and recreational opportunities for the lighter side of life. The Vassar farm will supply fresh vegetables and milk, and in all the halls full maid service will be continued. In fact, every precaution has been taken to provide the students with physical comfort, so that they can do the work planned for them without the distraction and discomfort of "roughing it." In addition, a recreational director will see to it that no one concentrates too much on the purely academic side.

Any college woman who desires more information about the faculty, courses, the hospitals receiving graduates, the opportunities for college women in the profession, or the details of the camp and the surroundings, may obtain it by writing to the headquarters of the Alumnæ recruiting committee, 106 E. 52d street, New York city, or to Vassar college, Poughkeepsie, New York, to the office of Dean Mills. All applications should be sent to the latter address. As the applications will probably far exceed the accommodations, prompt action in either enrolling or writing for further information would be wise.

Four scholarships have been given to the Vassar Nurses' training camp by the Class of 1913 of Vassar in memory of their classmate, Amabel Roberts, who recently lost her life while in active service with the Presbyterian hospital unit in France. These scholarships are for \$350 each and include the payment of expenses of the training camp and of the subsequent two years' training at a hospital. The purpose of these scholarships is to enable some girls who might otherwise be prevented to take advantage of the opportunity offered by the training camp. They will be awarded by Prof. Herbert E. Mills, Dean of the camp to whom all applications should be sent. His address is Vassar college, Poughkeepsie, New York.

VOCATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE COLLEGES

University of North Dakota

Vocational problems for women have been matters of absorbing interest at our university since the Women's league invited Miss Helen Bennett to give a course of vocational talks to the university women. Miss Bennett, manager of the Collegiate bureau of occupations in Chicago, member of the committee of standards for employed women and children, and head of the vocational guidance committee of the Illinois Council of defense, was able to bring to her message the weight of a great deal of experience in vocational work.

Three talks were given by Miss Bennett. In the first she told of the present great need for trained women workers in positions heretofore held almost exclusively by men. She emphasized the value of college training in equipping girls to take their places in laboratories, banks, offices, and shops. She urged the girls to avail themselves of every possible benefit to be obtained from their university courses. She urged them also to cultivate mental poise, good health, and executive ability, and to secure special training. These, she said, were essential to success in any field.

In her next talk she told of the commercial value of personality. Personality, she assured her audience, is a quality which could be cultivated by any one by means of careful study. It may be secured by developing the best in our inner selves and pruning away un-

pleasant manifestations from our outer selves.

Women and the war was the subject of her last talk. During this discussion she made it evident to her audience by abundant illustrations drawn from labor conditions abroad that industrial conditions in our own country will soon demand the entrance of women workers into almost every occupation. She urged that university women prepare themselves well, both physically and mentally, for the part which they are about to play in our nation's share in the war.

By means of personal conferences, Miss Bennett was able to give individual advice to every girl who held any doubts regarding her college preparation, or the work which she should enter upon leaving college. These conferences enabled each girl to apply the substance of the lectures to her own problems. Many were enabled through these conferences to direct their energies to better purpose.

Ada Soule

CORNELL

Vocational training for the women at Cornell is directed by a committee of the faculty, working through a student leader, who this year has been Katherine Coville, a Theta senior. It is the object of this Bureau of vocational guidance to bring to Cornell as speakers, men and women who are experts in different lines of work in which there are openings for college women. These vocational talks are planned to acquaint the undergraduates with the possibilities in these different fields, and thus to act as suggestive guides in the choosing of a profession.

By a vote taken in the fall, the Student government association gave its support to the plan, and as a result, more conference hours have been held this year than at any time in the past. Although the attendance has not always been as large as the committee had hoped, in view of the importance of the topic and the prominence of the speaker, yet it is safe to say that there has been a growing interest among the girls in these talks. The following will give some idea of the speakers which Cornell secured and the subjects which were discussed. Many of them proved to be most suggestive and inspiring, while all have been helpful in the information which they have given.

Miss Elizabeth C. Burgess, State inspector of nurses' training schools for New York, spoke on Nursing. Mr Robert H. Treman, a member of the Federal reserve board, spoke on *Opportunities in banking*. Dr Kristine Mann, a graduate of the Cornell medical school, spoke on *Medical and non-medical vocations for women*.

Dr Thomas Story, a medical military inspector, and supervisor of Physical education for New York state, spoke on Physical education. Dr Cullis, who has recently come to Toronto, after being engaged in war work in England, took as her subject What the English women are doing in the war. Mlle Clement, Professor of literature in the University of Versailles, spoke on The French women and the war. Social work as a vocation for women was the subject of a talk given by Mrs Glenn, a prominent worker in a New York settlement. Mrs Laura Ellsworth Carson, Cornell '13, of the Federal advertising agency of New York and Chicago, told of the possibilities in the advertising field. Other talks were given by Mrs. Florence Kelly of the Consumers' league and Mr John W. Upp, Cornell '95, of the General electric company of New York City.

WISCONSIN

A war vocational conference for women, with "service" as its watchword, was held at the University of Wisconsin during the first four days of March.

Ten different lines of work which are open to women and which war needs have made especially advantageous to them, were presented by speakers who had themselves achieved success in these fields. Advertising, magazine, newspaper, secretarial, civil service, industrial, business and commercial, social service, public health, pharmacy, and conservation work were the vocations discussed.

Emphasis in all the addresses was placed not so much on the side of emolument and advancement for the individual in a given line of work as on the opportunities which it would afford her to help advance our common cause—the war. As Mrs Lois K. Mathews, our Dean of women, said in the opening address of the conference, "We must all prepare ourselves for some form of leadership, for we are all dedicated to service. We must enter upon our vocation not with the idea of what we are going to get out of it, but what we are going to give for social betterment

Opportunities were afforded for private conferences with the visiting experts, and discussions in Round Table groups of the best ways and means of entering a chosen field. The greatest interest was taken by the university women in the conference, and many were enabled to decide that all important question of "After college which—teaching or something else?"

CALIFORNIA

The present conflict has taught at least one lesson—preparedness. Women no less than men have a share in this contest. While the men

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are tediously training on the field and in the air, the women must be training at home to make themselves more efficient in all walks of life. It is true, of course, that their training is of a kindlier nature than that to be undertaken by the men but it must be made as thorough if it is to be effective. After the war as well as now, women are to be the main factor in restoring normal conditions in the world and it is most important that such preparation should begin at once.

The most natural place where one looks to find the proper tools for furnishing such training is, of course, the university. Many universities have instituted vocational courses for women, realizing the urgent need for definite knowledge on specific and helpful subjects. The University of California is only one of many universities to offer such courses this year. One of the most important of these courses is the nurse's course which includes three years' work of preparation in the university itself, and then two years of professional training at the University hospital in San Francisco. This course not only gives the student a nurse's certificate but a university degree as well. Another course is that of Red Cross first aid and dietetics, which entitles the student to a Red Cross certificate at the completion of the course. Practical work in surgical dressings is also given under competent instructors, although no college credit is allowed for the work done in this course.

Lecture courses and conferences in vocational work for women were given here in February. The opportunities for women in public health was the subject of Dr Adelaide Brown of the California State board of health. Miss Katherine Felton, secretary of the Associated charities of San Francisco, discussed the work women may do in the field of social service. William Leslie, lecturer in insurance and actuary of the State compensation insurance fund, spoke on Opportunities for women in statistical work. Scientific work was explained by Dr Alice Rolde of the University hospital in the fourth lecture of this series.

Beside these courses given in the university, we have had the unusual good fortune of hearing several interesting talks by Clothilde Grunsky '14, one of our alumnæ who has made extensive investigations throughout the United States as to the various fields of work open to college women. In her examinations of conditions she found many branches of public and private enterprise open to women with special training. Among the largest fields were public health and social service. A training in medicine, especially in bacteriology and hygiene, she found fits a women for the former kind of work, which generally pays fairly well and offers many chances for research work. A training in law and economics serve to prepare her for the best sort of social service work. This field requires women of good health and perseverance for it means long hours and entails many

unpleasant circumstances. The conditions in the world today open up a wide vista along this line for energetic and responsible women.

According to Clothilde Grunsky's report, journalism is work being extensively followed by women today. The main work is newspaper reporting, although many women have worked up to very responsible positions with fair-sized salaries. For the person interested in art, there are some splendid openings as assistants to interior decorators and costume designers. At present, of course, any woman trained for secretarial work can find many well-paid and interesting positions. It is probably one of the largest fields of work for women during the war.

In closing her talks to us Clothilde Grunsky told us that while there are many other lines of vocational work which offer splendid positions, the important thing to remember is that no woman should enter any field of work for which she is not suited. Such work simply becomes drudgery and will mean a loss of her best efforts.

Katherine A. Towle

SOUTH DAKOTA

For the first time a women's vocational conference will be held at the University of South Dakota, April 25-27. Invitations have been extended in the name of the university, although Young Women's Christian association and especially its secretary, Miss Maud Briggs, Upsilon, is promoting it.

Our conference will be unique in two respects. We are inviting girls to attend from every college and high school in the state, and our program of speakers includes both men and women. We want the conference to be for all South Dakota girls and we believe we have chosen speakers best qualified to be helpful.

Dean Mathews of Wisconsin university will open the conference. Miss Agnes Hall, Professor Eva R. Robinson, and Dean Marshall McKusick of the university are some of our speakers. General subjects like *How to get a position and how to keep it* will be presented. Talks about particular vocations and training for them will be given, and opportunities for individual discussions.

We have two purposes: (1) to give girls definite, higher standards of service and (2) to help them find something to hold to in this shifting time of women's employments. This coincides with the advice of the government and educational authorities, for girls to prepare themselves to take positions vacated by skilled men workers. This will maintain the ideal of a college education versus business school, short courses, etc.

The conference is an attempt to counteract the restlessness which most girls have felt during this year. Is it in the atmosphere of other colleges? Textbooks seem impractical, home conditions change every day, the boys have enlisted and are now fighting. We girls seem

moved to some big change and long to be Red Cross nurses or uniformed workers of some sort. They tell us it is better to study and think intensively so that later we may be fully "prepared."

That is why we are having our first vocational conference.

Laura Lou Brookman

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN FINANCE

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"For the present, we take all labor for our province" is the bold legend on the banner Olive Schreiner holds aloft in *Woman and labor*. It will, she asserts, take a few centuries of free women to determine whether or not there are special kinds of work for which women are peculiarly adapted or whether talents are distributed quite

without regard to sex.

Certainly with the first generation of "bond women" still at their desks it is too soon to say whether finance is a promising or a barren field. Since, however, women are just entering the profession they might as well choose those phases of the work which are pleasantest. These I shall endeavor to point out, warning you right at the start that my work and associations have been so uncommonly happy that the whole realm of Wall street seems to me a joyous, sunlit world.

Finance, as a general term covering the handling of money, has many ramifications. My experience does not qualify me to speak about any of them except insurance, expert accounting, and banking, and

of the last only in any detail.

Insurance comes home to us in the person of the life insurance agent, that dreaded, persistent, unanswerable person who shames us into doing the duty we would rather neglect. His is the hardest kind of salesmanship—no samples to show, no profits to offer, no appeal except to those neglected triplets, thrift, prudence, and unselfishness. And yet the field is overcrowded due to the independence of the work and to the fact that as yet no training is required, much as it is needed. This is a kind of work which can be fitted into the chinks of a married woman's other duties and in the hands of a dignified, tactful woman it is a thoroughly dignified profession.

Insurance companies are legion, their business covering every type of risk whether of death, accident, illness, business failure, mishaps to automobiles, ships, freight, timber, etc. They employ thousands of women chiefly in clerical positions. They have been able to draw into their service men of the highest calibre and whenever women get ready to struggle up in this business there are plenty of positions worth striving for all the way up the line. A few women have striven

and arrived. One of them, Victoria Searle, is assistant to the presi-

dent of the Great eastern casualty company.

From my limited knowledge I should say that expert accounting is a fascinating study but a hideous profession for any one with less than half gypsy blood. The resentment of each successive set of employers, the extreme accuracy required, the continual traveling, the overtime, make the average auditor about as nomadic as the gas man and as welcome as the dentist. Many of the larger banks and commercial concerns have permanent auditors or efficiency managers. Such positions are worth a woman's while but like heaven are not gained at a single bound.

The happiest expert accountant I know is Harriet B. Lowenstein. She is Felix M. Warburg's almoner responsible for investigating the numerous philanthropies to which he contributes and charged with

finding more and better outlets for his generosity.

Banking, finance in the more exact sense of providing money for enterprises, is carried on chiefly by commercial banks, investment houses, and stock exchange houses. Their functions often overlap but generalizing roughly banks lend money for ninety days or less. Investment houses purchase whole issues of bonds or stocks and retail them to investors who thus become the real lenders. Stock exchange houses execute orders to buy or sell such stocks and bonds as are listed on the exchanges, thus supplementing the work of the investment houses by maintaining a public market for the most popular of their issues.

Once you penetrate beyond the stately door-keeper of any Wall street office you will see that the actual work rests on a multitude of details or in other words provides a great number of positions. Let us see what they are like.

In the banks the officers have a way of monopolizing the most interesting work and the pleasantest salaries. They are the executives. There are not many women bank officers in New York but the country

as a whole can boast of a very fair number.

If you want to be sure of being spoken to deferentially at all times and reverentially when money is tight, be the loan clerk of a bank. You will then, over the telephone, in a cold and haughty voice say "Yes," "No," "Only 75 per cent," etc. as various stocks and bonds are tendered as collateral for the precious credit entry you are about to authorize or refuse.

You know that solemn hymn "The bells of hell go ting-a-ling-a-ling for you but not for me?" Well, that's just the way it is with bank loans. They are made only to the elect. It is the credit department of the bank which collects the information and makes the investigations upon which the final decision often rests. In at least one instance a woman is next to the top in the credit department not of a bank but of one of the largest steel companies in the country where also the relations with customers are important and con-

fidential. Beneath the officers (perhaps sustained chiefly by the knowledge that most officers rise from the ranks) the noble army of bank clerks receives, pays out and counts money, records loans and substitutions of collateral, sends out statements, and does the book-keeping. This work although of vital importance to the institution is rather deadly. It is done standing, involves a great deal of overtime, requires extreme accuracy and yet, being so routine as to leave little scope for initiative, is proverbially underpaid.

An investment house divides roughly into the banking, the buying, and the sales departments. The banking department besides covering most of the work of a commercial bank, records all purchases and sales of securities, delivers securities by messenger and mail and keeps card records of all customers and prospective customers. The work of the delivery cage is open to that same fatal objection of being done standing—from tradition rather than necessity as far as I have been

able to observe.

The recording of purchases and sales is a special kind of book-keeping not requiring previous training but demanding legible hand-writing and absolute accuracy. Detached portions of the work can be done by rather stupid persons but the head of the department must have a real mind. The disposition of a saint, martyr, and angel is a valuable adjunct. I have known in this capacity two women, Jane Lyng and her predecessor, both of them with a mastery of detail little short of marvellous.

This work like that of the card records is already done chiefly by women. With the more flexible arrangements, part time, etc. which the increasing number of married women in business seems likely to bring about, these two phases of banking work ought to offer very fair opportunities to women whose home duties represent the career in which they wish to excel and yet leave them leisure to earn their

share of the family income.

Picture to yourself a group of scholarly pessimists, unwilling to believe anything without documentary proof and trusting few besides themselves to compile the documents, always analyzing, always making allowance for a dark future, and you have the buying department. Very expert and very few in number the buyers are. Women with engineering training and those who have shown originality in research in chemistry, geology, economics or law might fitly apply for work in this department.

The circulars, the printed descriptions of its issues, comes from the buying department of the house. This is high grade, technical editorial work for which not the editor of the college paper but the woman who can make her thesis interesting to the lay mind is the more suitable applicant.

The statistical department, information department, or library, as it is variously called, is another branch of the buying department. Here are kept not only books, but financial manuals, periodicals, re-

ports of corporations, files of clippings, circulars of other houses and whatever else either the buying or sales department is likely to

need for quick reference.

Many houses use the statistical department as the training school for their most promising young men. Women too will generally find it the best door by which to enter as well as the least obstructed. Library training is not necessary. The work is valuable as giving a comprehensive view of the business along with the best preparation for more specialized buying or selling work.

The first big statistical department in the financial district was organized by Miss M. Louise Erwin and was so well done that, when a change in the policies of the house ended its original use, Princeton university gratefully accepted the whole collection as a most valuable

addition to its economics library.

Men have often made their first reputation from clever statistical work and women will undoubtedly do the same. In fact I see around me several, poised and flapping their wings in a most promising manner. Eleanor Kerr (Cornell) has already made two or three

successful trial flights.

If enthusiasm is the key-note of your nature, if when you believe you burn to convert, then selling is your side of the business. Investment bonds and stocks are sold chiefly by personal interviews. The outlying districts are generally covered by assigning each salesman certain cities or counties but here in New York the young hopefuls are frequently turned out on the world without a single name. Personality (which someone has defined as good character plus good health), a knowledge of the business, persistence and tact, are the assets which have enabled many young men and a very creditable number of women to surmount the really great difficulties and discouragements of the work.

A good deal of selling is done by letter. Since "the written word remaineth" it is quite important to the house that the writer be accurate and conservative in his statements. Discrimination between the needs of difficult types of customers is necessary to results, for here personality is eliminated and the letter triumphs by sheer force of fitness or not at all. Some houses have a painstaking system of following up salesmen's calls by letters and of keeping in constant touch with each man, sending him every night bits of office gossip, records of the days' best sales, market comment, and information on

new issues.

The trading department buys from and sells to other houses. The work is done over the telephone and at very high speed. It requires not only a knowledge of prices and of the specialties of each different house but tranquil nerves and an unusual amount of endurance. There are some excellent women traders.

The main business of a stock exchange house is to transmit to its representative on the floor of the exchange customers' orders to buy Vocations

or sell. The banking and delivery departments are well developed but unless investment customers also are sought such a house has no

buying or sales department.

The customers' room is the distinctive feature. Here each sale as it occurs on the exchange is reported by the ticker and is frequently copied on black boards and charts, while the news tickers grind out all day long every rumor and fact, political, commercial or financial, that might conceivably send any stock up or down. The customers' man, as he is called, must know quotations, what the present trend of the market is and why, and the price record of the popular issues. Kathleen Taylor who holds such a position renders her customers further service by keeping herself well informed as to earnings, prospects, etc. of a large number of companies.

Now about getting a position. First of all let me say in capital letters DON'T LEARN STENOGRAPHY if you have any ambition to go beyond it. Stenographers, because of the noise of their machines, are generally kept together in a sort of harem remote from the pulse of the business. Their work is too mechanical to teach them much. They are too busy to study and too well paid to break away into other departments most of which pay less for the first

few years.

In finding and filling your first position special training in law, economics, finance, and statistics is helpful but not necessary. You do not need higher mathematics. The essentials in finance are the qualities that make for success everywhere—good health, very good health, good breeding, tact, perseverance, self-confidence, and the ability to speak and write your mother tongue. Will you find a great wall of prejudice raised up against you? No, just a little fleecy cloud of it lingering here and there. Like American men everywhere bankers are friendly, tolerant, not much prejudiced against women but somewhat afraid that other men are.

If you decide to come down town get someone who knows the district to give you a list of good houses. Apply by letter and in person and apply and apply and apply. Just beat on the gates till they let you in. Then work like the dickens to make good.

There are still so few women in finance that each one stands as typical of her whole sex to a large group of men. It is of the utmost importance that each acquit herself creditably lest she be a stumbling block to those stronger, freer, better women who are to come. We catch the spirit from Havelock Ellis: "We are ourselves the light-bearers. For a brief space it is granted us, if we will, to enlighten the darkness that surrounds our path. As in the ancient torch-race, which seemed to Lucretius to be the symbol of all life, we press forward torch in hand along the course. Soon from behind comes the runner who will outpace us. All our skill lies in giving into his hand the living torch, bright and unflickering, as we ourselves disappear in the darkness."

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ASIATIC SECTION, ALUMNÆ ISSUE

News Delayed by Censor

"After a year in Shanghai, China Realty Co. we are leaving for Pekin where Mr Evers, who is an architect, will be connected with the firm of Shattuck and Hursey in charge of the buildings for the Rockefeller foundation work. Our address will be the Grand hotel Wagon Lets. In the University of California my class was 1917, my husband's Chi Phi 1911. Ever loyally yours in Kappa Alpha Theta. Sepha Pischel Evers"

"The last Shangai mail brought a splendid letter from Mrs Sailor, alumnæ chairman for Asia. . . .

"It is quite wonderful to think that even though our beloved Epsilon chapter be extinct, I belong somewhere once again and herewith I salute right merrily each loyal sister in Asia.

"For the past month, my time has been filled trying to secure for as many Chinese kiddies as possible a sure-enough American Christmas. Fifty dolls were given to fifty fortunate little maidens, while books and toys were distributed to their less happy brothers who were desolate indeed because there were no dolls for them!

"Chritsmas Eve my husband and I helped in giving a concert to the many patients in our Temple Hill hospital. We had foreign music throughout and the Chinese seemed especially charmed with the vocal and stringed numbers.

"For the past three weeks it has snowed continuously turning the whole world into the veriest fairyland, and thus bringing us ideal Christmas weather. In spite of the very heavy snowdrifts our little two-year-old daughter, quite safe in her very tall father's arms, went over to the hospital to give a Chirstmas doll to every child in the children's ward. To a surfeited western child one doll more or less means very little, but when it is your very first and only one the little mother-heart is often too full for a soft 'thank you.' A wee boy of eighteen months who bears the name of "Pebble," squeezed his doll with a bear-like hug. "Follow my Leader" and "Smarty" in the adjoining cots could hardly wait till my little daughter reached them. The above names may seem utterly fantastic but a heathen child bears some such ignominious epithet until, if a boy, it is fortunate enough to enter school, while the poor little girl has no other through life.

"The Chinese as a nation are born actors and the vaudeville programs our pupils get up on any special holiday are alive with interest and clever to a degree. This year the Anglo-Chinese school gave Ali Baba and the forty thieves with such realism that the audience

sat enthralled, while *The prodigal son*, presented by the school for the deaf, was inimitable.

May Corbett Smith."

[A most adorable picture of wee daughter in white fur from head to foot accompanied this letter.—EDITOR.]

"Getting home is beginning to look more difficult for us. Were we going this year there would be less trouble, though there is doubt of many of the people getting their sailings even this June. The Government has need of most of the Pacific boats and many are to be taken off at once. We have so few now. The few remaining will be booked many, many months ahead. Our treasurer said today many of us would do well to get home before the war was over and we whose furlough is due next year are very unlikely to find pas-

sage possible.

We do not feel the war times here as you all do but we have a few ways of telling. Slower and fewer mails are a real hardship and the outlook of being rather completely cut off from home is horrible. We do not notice the food shortage unless we wish to use imported goods. All prices have risen but as the bulk of our food is grown here we can still have plenty of meat. We use native flour which, though not so white and fine as that of home, is quite usable. Eggs are still cheap though milk is a difficulty. Good milk is very high in price and the tinned variety is getting scarcer. The usual stuff we get is composed principally of bean-curd and water. Most people are cutting down on entertaining and the quanity of food served that the money thus saved may be used for war relief. Meatless and wheatless days here would not profit you at home nor the soldiers at the front, but to have an abundance when so many are in want takes away my appetite. So we are living much more simply.

The Americans here are doing and planning to do a great deal of Red Cross work. We have a branch work room here on our compound and do enough to make it quite pay. We are an hour from the central room which means two hours of wasted time should we go there to work. The community came up well to the mark in the Christmas Red Cross drive. The work the fraternity is doing for its bit is splendid. I have a postal order ready now to send Miss Lowther. I only wish I could do more but our first duty is to support the Relief association here. I am on the Board of advisers of this organization as the representative of the College women's club.

Sara Bailey Sailor'

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THE ALUMNÆ COMMISSION IN PRACTICE

Following the plan suggested in Convention this summer, we of Alpha Chi started our commission at the beginning of this year and we feel indeed well satisfied with the results. It gives us such a safe, protected feeling to know that we have some definite backing, someone to solve our difficult problems and to advise us when the way looks tangled. The alumnæ members as chosen by our adviser, Bird Goslee Crocket, are Kathleen Brady, Edith Gamble, Alice Hupe, and Anita Beadle. Representatives from the active chapter are treasurer, house-manager, and an underclassman, namely, Mary Jamison, Helen Eldridge, and Helen Norris.

The purpose of the commission is to take care of the finances of the active chapter, to look after the health and general welfare of the girls, and to act as an advisory board for the chapter, a supreme court of decision of problems too difficult to be decided in the chapter, a critic themselves of the activities and ideals of the girls and

a go-between for any personal criticisms.

Meetings have been held once a month, a report of the business carried on being given at the following chapter meeting. Each month they audit the books of the treasurer and of the house-manager. One of the most important of the problems taken up is the problem of the house for next year. We have not been satisfied with our house in its present condition and the commission has helped and advised us in our search for a new house and in negotiating with our present landlord for improvements, which will be necessary before it be possible for us to live in this house next year.

We have had some very interesting and beneficial talks by the various members of the commission for both active girls and pledges on subjects such as democracy, scholarship, and ideals. They have advised and criticized the chapter in various respects in such a way as to be an icentive to improvement, and their quiet kindly criticism of any girl has been received gratefully. At their last meeting, the seniors met with them and together they discussed plans and pros-

pects for next year.

· Jane Dye

NORTHWESTERN'S FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY

A courageous attempt to solve the fraternity problem at Northwestern was started, we are glad to say, by a Theta, and taken up by the Dean of women and the other fraternities. The situation was one which Dean Potter and many of the most prominent girls in college had long realized. Twelve representative fraternity women, one from each group, met in December, just before the Christmas holidays, and after discussing the existing conditions sought means of remedy, and the methods by which to start a "fight for democracy."

First, what is the situation? It may be understood from the words of some broken-hearted girl who is not wearing a fraternity badge. "What is the matter with me? Why am I different from the rest? I must be all wrong," or from the question "Is it right that a fraternity should crush *one* girl even if it does make a hundred happy?"

asked by a mother.

Many girls are leaving our university because they are not fraternity women, and many others whom we refer to as brave, whose college life we call a struggle, a fight, have said that it is impossible for a nonfraternity girl, no matter how hard she may try, to become closely acquainted with the finest girls in colleges, because most of them are in one fraternity or another, and that a great barrier exists between them.

What way of ways could be found to break down this barrier? The method decided upon by which to acquaint all the Greek-letter women of Northwestern with the changes to be made, was a large mass meeting, unadvertised and kept secret from the rest of the campus. The possible remedies were grouped under the following heads:

(1) To do away with the general five o'clock Monday meeting hour. Heretofore, every group held its meeting at this time, often with supper afterward, which meant that the dormitories were entirely without fraternity girls at dinner.

(2) To sit according to classes in chapel, instead of bunching

together according to fraternities.

(3) To go without badges on the campus, and at social affairs of the university, with the idea that badge and non-badge girls will always mean discrimination and unfairness to the non-group girls.

(4) To withhold fraternity notices and references to women as

Greek-letter women, from the Daily Northwestern.

5) To hold class cosies, the purpose of which is to bring all

the girls of the campus together.

It was emphasized that these were only the tangible means of changing conditions, that the necessary element in bringing about the feeling of fellowship, a true democracy, lies within each individual, and that while our men are fighting for an ideal situation, the least that we as college women can do, is to bring the democratic spirit into our university.

BETA'S FINANCIAL SYSTEM

We call our plan the "sliding discount scale." We find it much better to offer an inducement to the girls to pay in advance, in order that the table and house managers may pay their bills weekly or

monthly, as is most advantageous.

If a girl pays one week in advance, she gets a discount of 3%, or twenty-one cents from the \$7.00 which we charge for board, room, and fraternity dues. If she pays two weeks in advance, she gets a discount of $3^3/_{18}\%$. Each consecutive week $^1/_9\%$ is deducted, which makes, for the eighteen weeks a $4^{17}/_{18}\%$ saving on the amount which we would have paid had we paid our \$7.00 straight each week.

Maurine Clevenger

TEXAS CUSTOM

On April 1 everyone "cuts" his classes and voluntarily takes a holiday. A most mysterious and "gossipy" paper, *The Blunderbuss*, comes out early in the morning and is read with much interest. The editors are never known, and the paper gives only the gossip and scandal of the year. It is not expected that April 1 will be different this year, for reports of the news of *The Blunderbuss* are already in the air.

THE NEW RUSHING SYSTEM AT NEWCOMB

This year even in its rushing Newcomb has been a faithful friend of Mr Hoover. For our new Panhellenic rule reads, "There shall be no rushing which involves the spending of money. And there shall be no rushing off the campus." Consequently we soon had to get used to the idea of parties without refreshments and our luncheon dates with freshmen consisted in the freshmen buying their own lunches and coming into our room to eat them. It was certainly a vastly different kind of rushing from that of the previous years when we entertained almost regardless of the cost.

By this new system all formality was removed and the freshmen soon became well acquainted with the fraternity girls and felt at home in the rooms. A different atmosphere prevailed from the beginning of the rushing season to the end. Last year the fraternities seemed cheapened by the excessive rushing while this year the fresh-

men seemed to seek the fraternities.

The fact that Newcomb has a majority of town girls made it doubly hard to successfully work out the last part of this rule. For how were these girls to rush on the campus when some of them were on the campus only for their classes? But here comes the advantage in this manner of rushing. Some students who had never taken any interest in activities began going to meetings because here was a chance for them to rush. Likewise they encouraged the freshmen to come to the meetings. Having such little time for rushing, the girls took advantage of every opportunity, and interest in college activities in general increased greatly. There was a larger attendance at the

weekly assembly and every one went to the Saturday basketball games instead of the matinée or movies. On these Saturdays we usually had to spend the day partly at college. We invited the freshmen to come down and bring their lunch with them to stay until after the game. Alpha Phi set aside two afternoons a week for her informal rushing parties. Here we usually danced, played cards, knitted, or just talked. In fact, every one did just what she wanted to. Sometimes on cold winter evenings the chafing-dish would have been such a comfort, but we soon got used to its absence.

Some people accused this new rushing system of lowering the scholarship of fraternities and freshmen because many free hours between classes were spent in rushing where before they had been used in studying for the next class. But how much more was scholarship lowered when we had night parties and girls came to college the day after, hollowed-eyed and hardly able to stay awake during classes. This year at least we cannot be accused of wasting time in planning elaborate parties and catching up with sleep for a week

after they were over.

The first Saturday in March was chosen as pledge day because then the whole college was not upset by the excitement, as was often the case in previous years. This first Saturday pledge day was such a success that everybody agreed that it was the only day for pledging and we are still wondering why no one ever thought of it before.

As a whole our year of moneyless rushing was a great success and with a few slight changes we hope to continue it next year. It has helped greatly in food conservation for no one knows how many pounds of sugar are eaten at candy parties and the like. Our new system has encouraged interest in college activities, has brought fraternities nearer together, and has succeeded more than anything else in making college interests and fraternity interests one.

Irma Unruh

DRAMATICS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Dramatics in the University of Illinois are under the supervision of the Drama federation and the chapter, Mask and Bauble, of Associated university players. Both faculty and students are represented in the Drama federation, but Mask and Bauble is a student organization.

Until last year it was customary to present three student plays, one at Home-coming in the fall, one in February or March, and a spring play or fantasy. Last year the spring fantasy was given up because the number of students was depleted by enlistment in war service. This year the same plan is being followed.

At Home-coming Mask and Bauble presented It pays to advertise, and for the winter play was most fortunate in being able to stage Belasco's new play, Seven chances. Delta chapter had one girl in each cast. Harriet McCormick played in Seven chances and Berniece

McNair in It pays to advertise. We also have one officer in the club,

as Dorothy Doty is its secretary.

Tryouts for parts in these plays are open to the student body. Twice a year initiation into Mask and Bauble is held. At present the club has about fifteen active members. Aside from the big plays, the club gives a series of short sketches called "Dramatic hours" in which members only take part. They are presented free of charge but application must be made to the Drama federation for tickets. This rule was made to prevent the performances from being too crowded.

It has been the plan of the club to take these sketches to Chanute field at Rantoul and play them for the aviators in camp. Mask and Bauble also donated \$100 to the relief work of the Young Men's Christian association.

Berniece McNair

NOTE FROM AN ALPHA CHI PLEDGE

Each week the pledges of Alpha Chi chapter get together at the home of Bird Goslee Crocket, our alumnæ adviser, and learn such fraternity matters as are necessary for initiation.

The meetings are held in a businesslike manner. President, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, were elected. The program consists of a secretary and treasurer's report, fraternity instruction and

a discussion of any business that presents itself.

The stunt for the annual reception to the freshmen of the other fraternities was the first given by us. After that came several stunts, the one for Founders'-day being especially interesting. It was called the *Theta Album*. As the pages of the album were turned, the girls

saw themselves as they were to appear thirty years hence.

The dominant feature in our pledge meeting is the freshman idea of an ideal Theta. To us, a Theta is the democratic girl, the one with the right attitude toward the faculty, toward non-fraternity girls and college activities in general. Each of us is striving to become such a girl and we feel that the pledge meeting each week binds us more closely in the best interests of the fraternity and college.

Ruth Kortepeter

WOMAN'S LAND ARMY OF AMERICA

The most engrossing interest for the women of the university at present is the patriotic movement which has been started to inaugurate A Woman's land army of America. The women have long been cooperating with the government in conserving food. Now they wish to go farther and themselves help to produce that food.

As all movements need systematizing, so this movement has been thoroughly organized. A general executive committee has been established in New York. Auxiliary to this general committee, state com-

mittees are formed. These state committees in turn organize county committees where practicable. The county committees then establish

units in the regions where farm labor is scarce.

The plan of the unit is to have the women workers live at a common center under a captain or supervisor with a system of cooperative housekeeping and go out from this center in squads to work on the neighboring farms. The captain or supervisor will necessarily be a person possessing leadership, who will plan out the work for each day, distributing it justly among the girls. Each unit makes its own rules of government. The number of women in a unit varies with the need of the community, from twenty to thirty being the usual number. The women will live in houses or tents. The equipment needed will consist of cot, tents, tools, overalls, and workshirts, which average about \$30.

The work the women do will cover all the lighter forms of field farm work, especially in connection with the crops which need hoeing and weeding, with fruit and vegetable picking, and also the milking of cows and care of animals, this last generally under supervision.

Work will begin in April and last until November, but the greater part of the work will be during vacation months. There will be different methods of payment. The farmer will pay so much by the day, hour, or piece, or the unit may give lodging, board, and a flat rate per month, the farmer paying the unit. The initial cost of the unit will be financed by parties interested in the movement. It is expected that the unit will pay for itself after the first cost.

The scheme has been tried on a small scale and been found successful but like all new plans, however, it is being opposed and ridiculed. Its success cannot be proved by talking but by results and this rests with the women. There is a great need. In a similar need the women of France proved their ability and one cannot feel the women of America will fail, if given a fair chance.

Margaret Sentell

CHAPTER LETTERS AGAIN

I want to leap into the arena and break a lance with Mrs Scribner. A crinkle of horror runs down my backbone at her bland proposal to abolish the chapter letter. Not that I refuse to admit that their literary tone is often as poor as she says. I might even say that it usually is. But then I go blandly on and deny that they need literary tone at all.

The chapter letter to the most of us is the home town paper. What we want to get from it is not that "the sun arose, a ribbon at a time" or that it was a "beautiful clear night of stars"; but that Gladys has married Billy, and that Sue and Marjorie came back for rushing (and if they are as attractive as their mother and aunt in my day, it is a good thing they came!), while Dorothy did a

Spanish dance at the stunt night (it seems only last week that she started to school with her primer and her little brown pigtail braided so tight that it almost stuck out straight). Style? Shucks! Its news we want, news of the old chapter and the old college. When Kappa chapter does not make the *Journal*, I browse mournfully through the rest of the magazine, and try to console myself by reading Delta and Omega and Alpha Gamma, in which towns I have a friendly interest, though they are not like the old village, Kappa.

And perhaps here is the suggestion which will help. Most colleges are giving Journalism. Why not make the chapter letters into newspaper form, asking for not less than two and not more than five feature stories—heads and all—and a bunch of personals from each chapter, requesting the editors of the chapter be chosen from

the Journalism department when possible.

Clara Lynn Fitch

ALUMNÆ, ATTENTION!!

At convention last summer Thetas agreed that keeping industrial life on a high plane was a war work we might well contribute our services toward.

Read this from Helen Bennett, authority on women's work: "We have noted a decided tendency on the part of employers to expect overtime work from candidates. Work at night, Saturday afternoon, and even Sundays are all crowding in, and the lunch hour is being crowded out. We deplore this tendency extremely. The great pressure on war relief organizations, on all business these days cannot be any adequate excuse for impairing the efficiency of workers. England has learned the lesson of this short-sighted policy through bitter experience since the war began, and it would seem that this country might profit by that experience without going over the same disastrous road."

The Women's committee of the National council of defense is

sounding a warning note against these conditions, too.

Are women working over time in your town? Are child labor laws being ignored in your town? Are there labor conditions needing improvement in your town? Do you know the facts of industry in your town? Who is safe-guarding the health of the workers in your town? and as a corollary insuring a steady, regular output from the industries of your town?

If you are seeking a constructive service outlet for *your* patriotism, it may be at *your* very door—*your* town may need *your* service more than does France. At least know the industrial facts in *your* town. If they aren't right, why then you can't resist striving for better conditions, patriotism can do no less—or nothing more important.

A GOOD CHAPTER

I-Recognizes that it is not a local organization but a part of a national fraternity having definite aims and purposes.

2-Recognizes that those aims and purposes have precedence over any purely

local customs or desires.

3-Strives through its individual members to exalt those aims and to fulfill those purposes.

4-Tries through its local administration to respond promptly and efficiently

to the demands made upon it by the officials of the fraternity.

5-Bars intoxicating liquor and gambling from its chapter house and does not tolerate, on the part of its individual members open violations of the laws of the fraternity or plain transgressions of the spirit of Beta Theta Pi.

6-Seeks to elevate standards of scholarship, aims to develop strong ties of human friendship among its members, manifests loyalty to the institution in which it is located, and gives hearty support to the faculty in measures which look toward the improvement of individual character.

7-Joins in every movement for better relationships among fraternity men in its institution, championing the local inter-fraternity conference as a desirable

help toward comity and wider college friendship.

8-Keeps its chapter house and grounds in good condition, inside and out, regulates life in the house by such sensible laws as to make it as nearly as possible a real college home, and trains its members to respect the rights of one another as well as the obligations toward neighbors in a college community.

9-Pays its debts promptly and trains its members to regular and systematic

habits in personal financial matters.

10-Cherishes the sentiment of the fraternity through its songs and through

faithful adherence to its ritual on occasions of initiation.

11-Remembers that it is an institution designed to exist for many years and whose future success will be largely due to the reputation and character it sustains at any one time.

12-Teaches its individual members to understand that each has distinct responsibility and that each must maintain his character as one of its worthy

members .- Beta Theta Pi.

PRESERVATION OF CHAPTER RECORDS

We wish that we should sufficiently impress upon the fraternity, and especially upon the young men in the active chapters, the vital importance of safely and securely guarding the precious records which are bound to accumulate in an organization such as ours.

In no other department of activity is there so much need for reform as here. The books of a chapter containing its minutes are beyond price. They are its best asset. A chapter house is a small affair in comparison. The Gettysburg house, devoured by flames, is restored to us, but its minutes, redolent with the

story of the fraternity's early days in the North, are gone forever.

There is, of course, some excuse for the loss of records, through their destruction by the elements. But for the loss of most of the records we are now seeking there is no excuse. They have simply been lost. Someone misplaced them. Someone thought them to be of no value. Someone consigned them

to the fire-wanton, heartless, senseless!

Whenever we speak of these things-and we do it frequently enough-we imagine that our young men suppose we are talking of another generation. It so happens that right now we are intensely interested in finding the old records. But just the same we are speaking to and for men of today. The men of yesterday were negligent enough; yet those of today have little right to censure them. The record made today will be just as precious fifty years from today as that made fifty years ago. Let us ease the path of him who fifty years from now is commissioned to write our history by carefully preserving our records.

Some men say, "What's the use of preserving our minutes; we never write what happened anyway." Which is probably true enough, and this brings us to the consideration of another question. The minutes of a chapter are its most important record, and a chapter that permits sloven work in this department should be compelled to give up its charter. A chapter with meager minutes is usually a chapter that does so very little that its place on our rolls would better be vacant.—A T Ω Palm.

Another date that was quite successful was one of our luncheons. On one end of our porch we had an army tent. Just before we served we had a mess call. Then we all formed in line and led our guests to the tent where we were given "our share" of baked beans, brown bread, baked potatoes, dill pickles, coffee (in tin cups), buns, etc. It was all so very informal that as one girl said, "You just couldn't help having a good time."— $\Gamma \Phi B$ Crescent.

NOTICES

Convention pictures again. The firm that took the pictures of convention, Grace Horn studio of Petoskey, Michigan, was recommended to us as a reliable concern that did all that type of work in that section of Michigan. Shortly after convention the firm was closed out by a receiver. As a result, though they had collected a goodly sum in advance for orders for these pictures, they were not delivered. They still promise that once their affairs are out of court, they will fill the orders. That is all we seem able to do about it, as no redress of any kind is possible. We are deeply sorry and chagrined by this situation.—Grand council.

FOUND: on the streets of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, a standard Kappa Alpha Theta badge with no engraving on the back. Owner can reclaim badge by writing to Alpha Beta chapter at Swarthmore college, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

CHAPTER NEWS

ALPHA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

As the war enters upon our small world a reality—three of our service stars are now red that once were blue—Alpha and the girls of the university are striving to further their share in this business of Victory. Beginning March 1, special opportunity is given for work with the Red Cross, French relief or in the War gardens, and for fifty hours of such work completed before June, the student will be awarded a badge. New courses, also with an aim to further war service, beside those of the Red Cross, have been inaugurated this semester. Many of our girls are studying typewriting and shorthand to prepare themselves for possible civil service. In connection with the Young Woman's Christian association, discussion groups of fifteen members meet throughout the university to interchange ideas on vital realities—democracy, religion, and the war.

We are all pasting in thrift stamps now. Not long ago we would have hardly known how to handle them. In the meantime one of the professors announced imaginary examinations to non-possessors

and a real campaign was launched.

For our Founders'-day celebration Alpha entertained Betty Locke Hamilton. In other words, she entertained us. She read a paper pretending she was Mrs Rip Van Winkle. When she went to sleep Kappa Alpha Theta had just been founded and so many years later when she woke up—. Anyway, she told us all to study and wear our overshoes. We wish you all could have been here.

At the beginning of the semester we pledged Elsie Miller, of Kokomo. On February 16 we had our freshmen initiation and dinner. Freda Arthur, Jeanette Benedict, Genevieve Daggy, Katherine Davis, Margery Dick, Louise Kirkpatrick, Mary Mason, Margaret Pearson, Ruth Ralston, Dorothy Ritter, and Margaretta Stephenson were the initiates.

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Elizabeth Horner

'97 Mrs Ruth Baker Day and her mother have removed to San Diego, Cal. where they will remain two years.

'11 A daughter was born to Mr and Mrs Robert J. Burns (Florine Gobin) on Mar. 19.

'11 Mrs Arthur Loring (Edna Bent) of Kalamazoo, Mich. is visiting here.

BETA-INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Since last time we wrote, Beta has initiated her splendid freshmen. It has been a busy time for the whole college. Beside initiations, there have been Bible meetings, campaigns, and a tournament.

The state high school basketball tournament has just been held here, at which we had a chance to forget we were dignified college students and to become "high school kids" again. If we had no special interest in one of the playing teams, we pretended we did

anyhow and rooted until we were hoarse for days after.

When the war is over we all know that there will be a reconstruction period, when the wages of laborers may be lowered and when there may be a great deal of dissatisfaction among them. For that reason we in college need to be well prepared to meet those problems and to do one of our "bits" for our country after the war. Every two weeks a professor comes to each fraternity house and conducts a Bible study course in which the object is to make us better fitted for the problems after the war that we shall meet when we're out of college. Every week, in between, President William L. Bryan lectures to the whole student body.

There have been so many campaigns on the campus for Red Cross, yarn funds, etc. that Indiana has adopted the plan of having a general "campus fund." Every student was canvassed to give whatever he could every week for four months. The fund is then divided for the benefit of such funds as the Surgical dressing, French relief, yarn

fund, etc.

Born to Mr and Mrs William Kunkel (Lois Nicholson) of Blufton, Ind. a laughter.

'20-ex Married in February, Ninetta Illingworth and Matthew Winters,

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GAMMA-BUTLER COLLEGE

In spite of the cold weather and shortage of coal Butler students persisted in their search for knowledge and started the second semester bravely on February 5. Gamma had, however, something to make her happy in spite of unfavorable weather conditions. We pledged three fine girls, Ruth Ranier, Florence Stewart, and Martha Updegraf. We were also glad and proud to initiate Elizabeth Trook

and Florence Corya.

On February 23, our pledges entertained the active girls at a lovely party given at the home of Hilda and Meta Lieber. Each table was attended by a neat white-capped and aproned maid. It was on that occasion that we learned how well our pledges could really serve. Between the courses of the lovely dinner, Blanche Alsop, dressed as a Hindu, looked into the future of each of the active girls and, by means of a crystal, forewarned us of coming sorrow or joy. Altogether, the evening was delightful and we certainly appreciated the enthusiasm and care with which the girls carried out the party.

A new movement has been started in Butler which is worthy of the loyal support of every student in the college. We are to study the conditions of the present world war and learn what are to be the actions and thoughts of true Americans in order that a "New World Democracy" may be established. The discussion groups are held for

one hour every Tuesday morning. Our guide-book is a small pamphlet written by Harrison S. Elliott, called, A new world democracy. The discussion is still in an embryo state and some of the leaders, who have been chosen from the faculty and student body, have directed the discussion toward practical questions such as democracy on the campus, or democracy in daily affairs. As the interest grows and students become better versed in the subject, the discussion will deal with more universal problems.

Frieda Steinmann

'21 Katherine Turney attended the basketball tournament at Bloomington and visited the Theta house.

Mary O'Haver and Jean Brown have written a play, One drop more, full of music and snappy dialogue, to be given for the benefit of the Biology club, sometime in May.

'15 Marjorie Hall was married Mar. 28, to Robert Montgomery.

Mary Parker will be married sometime in April to Haines Freeland. She will go to Denver, Colo. to live.

Ilene Morgan, Laura Pantzer, and Helen Duke visited us lately.

Helen Marsh Ransom, who was married recently, is living at Fort Benjamin Harrison where her husband is stationed.

Genevieve Downs had charge of a patriotic picture show and college vaudeville which was given for the benefit of surgical dressings committee.

The active chapter has decided to knit an afghan and make scrap-books for

the soldiers.

Marianne Copeland and Miriam Buttwiler are out of college this semester.

Marianne is attending business college and Miriam has accepted a position.

DELTA-UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

On February 6 Delta initiated Harriet Fera, Mary Copley, Evelyn Miles, Margaret Babb, Susannah Huston, Jean Egbert, Ruth Mann, Josephine Greene, Addie Amsbary, Josephine Burt, and Dorothy Gibson. At the formal banquet immediately following, Miss Sabra Vought of Mu, our chaperon, presided as toastmistress. To carry out the military atmosphere which now prevails on the campus at Illinois she impersonated a bugler. Her talk sounded the Reveillé, Inspection, and Flag raising of the dawn of a new chapter year. Ella Burns Meyers gave Orders of the day, while Helene Doty responded to Flag lowering and taps.

A few days later the initiates assisted in the pledging of Harriet

McCormick and Gladys Brown, both of Peoria.

A dinner party at the chapter house February 26 celebrated three important events. They were the election of Dorothy Doty to Phi Beta Kappa, the announcement of Eunice Lyon's engagement to Lieut. John Rider Wallis, and the pledging of Mrs James H. Greene. Mrs Greene has long been a staunch friend of the chapter and since she is now taking work in the university we felt that we couldn't get along another day without making her one of us.

Two weeks in February were given over to a Thrift and War saving stamp campaign at Illinois. Twenty teams composed of six students each, solicited every member of the university and sold

\$24,000 worth of stamps for the Government. Helene Doty was captain of one team and six other Thetas aided in the canvass.

In the Mask and Bauble play, Seven chances, given March 22 and

23, Harriet McCormick had an important part.

It has been our privilege to hear several splendid war lectures recently given by members of the faculty and professors from other universities. We are trying hard to understand the war and its problems. To this end study groups have been formed by all the units on the campus which meet for at least one hour a week to discuss our relation to the war and our part in reconstruction after the war.

25 March 1918 Dorothy Gibson

Delta is revising her catalogue and requests that alumnæ send in notice of changed addresses.

'18 Evelyn Miles is now a member of Omicron Nu, honorary household science fraternity.

Frances Hunter, Geraldine Smith, and Mary Elizabeth Torrance of Tau have visited Delta since Feb. 1.

'19-ex Louise Murphy was married to Carter Butler, B & II, on March 10, in Ft. Bliss, Tex. They are now living near the camp there.

'13 Catherine Planck Kircher (Mrs Paul) spent a few days in March with Delta.

'20 Martha Humphrey is student treasurer of the Y. W. C. A.
'18 Berniece McNair now has a position in the university and is also attending business college.

Mothers and fathers of many of the girls have visited Delta during Feb.

Louise Halladay, Psi, spent the last week in Mar. with her sister, Harriet Halladay '20.

Mrs Roy Edwards (Adelaide Cassingham '21) announces the birth of a son.

ETA-UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Spring at Michigan is marked by many events which have come to form our most valued traditions. The Michigan Union opera is one of them. This year's opera, Let's go, has caused a great deal of comment because of the participation of women in the traditional male cast.

The Junior girls' play, Meddling with Mars, was presented in honor of the senior girls, March 26. The seniors gathered for a supper before the play and attended in a body wearing their caps and gowns for the first time. One of the features was an original song sung by the seniors in honor of their entertainers.

A new course, military food, is being given for junior and senior women on the advice of Food administrator Hoover. The lectures

deal with food values and conservation.

Bishop Williams, father of Dorothy and four other Eta Thetas, who has just returned from France on a Red Cross commission, lectured in Hill auditorium, March 18. We enjoyed having him as our guest at Sunday dinner.

Betty Ramsdell, Aileen Case, Dorothy Marquis, and Dorothy Williams are devoting an evening of each week to social work with the

children in the university hospitals.

At initiation, March 2, we fastened the kite on our five promising freshmen. The banquet following was splendid and every one rejoiced to see the names of Helen Pratt '17, and Mildred Morse '17, engraved on our loving-cup in honor of their loyalty to Theta ideals.

We have been most cordially entertained at an evening party by Mrs Hobbs, Winifred's mother, and at dinner by Grace Moore Walser,

Eta '01.

Margaret Atkinson, Olivia Demmon, Emma Riggs, Eleanor Hanley, and Laura Schieffelin took part in the Junior girls' play.

Eugenia Wentzy is on the freshman basketball team.

27 March 1918 Aileen Brush

At initiation were present: '95 Myra Post Cady (Mrs Wm. B.); '97 Edith Rice Swaine (Mrs R. E.); '97 Minerva Rhines; '01 Grace Moore Walser (Mrs J. J.); '03 Charlotte Bissell; '10 Elizabeth Williams Weber (Mrs T. M.); '11 Gusie Bookmyer; '11-ex Bertha Ballard; '12 Grace Koons; '13 Ruby Severance Gripman (Mrs Ray); '14 Ellen Earle Riggs Douglas (Mrs S. B.); '14 Frances Lakin; '14 Hermine Henze, Omega; '15 Annie Williams; '17 Mae Patterson Ufer (Mrs Clarence); '17 Dorothy Diss; '17 Dorothea Warren; '17 Gladys Lynch; '17-ex Olivia Williams; '17 Bernice Lucas Dinwiddie (Mrs W. S.), Alpha Xi; '18-ex Margaret Ewing; '19-ex Amy Elliott.

704 M. Amy Burd, Lambda, was our guest while attending Food conference. 713 Ruby Severance Gripman (Mrs Ray) spent the week-end of Mar. 23

with us.

'15 Margaret Foote was married to Mr Louis A. Stearns, Feb. 21, 1918.

'16-ex Gertrude Roos was married to Mr Leon Furey, Feb. 3.
'17 Dorothea Warren is teaching at Mineral Point, Wis.

'18 Doris Porter spent a few days with us in March. She is conducting French classes in Grand Rapids.

IOTA-CORNELL UNIVERSITY

With no Easter vacation ahead of us, the time looms long between now and the end of the term in May. But it will pass only too quickly and with commencement will come the loss of our seniors and the end of our first year of living in a really satisfactory fraternity house. It has proved such an excellent place to entertain and so convenient in every way, that we are hoping to be able to rent it

for another year.

The event of greatest importance in our chapter life this term was initiation held February 23. With the service, which grows dearer to each one of us every year, we welcomed into our circle the four freshmen whom we were unable to initiate in the fall. The banquet was one of the nicest we have ever had, the one disappointment being that our beloved Mrs Comstock was unable to attend. Tables were set for forty people in the grill room of the Ithaca hotel in a most attractive manner. Stephanie Marx Curtis (Mrs C. W.) '88 of Rochester honored us by being toastmistress, and we were doubly glad to have her with us since her daughter was one of the initiates. Another guest who was with us that night was Anna S. Ward, our District president, who visited us for five days, and who, through her friendly and helpful advice, gave us new inspiration and enthusiasm for Theta.

This year, instead of spending the money for an elaborate dance, we have given two informal dancing parties in the chapter house. They have proved a great success and we hope to have one more

before college closes.

The chief feather in Iota's bonnet at the present moment is the fact that our two littlest upperclassmen, Virginia Switzer '19, and Gladys Gilkey '19, have just been elected to Phi Beta Kappa in their junior year. Unfortunately, Virginia was obliged to leave college on account of her health about a month ago, but we have great hopes of her returning when she has had a good rest, and maintaining this standard of scholarship for Theta.

The favorite form of athletics for Theta this year seems to be crew, and twice a week five of our members rush off after dinner, clad in middles and bloomers, to work on the rowing machines, preparatory

to getting out on the water.

Katherine Duddy '21 and Doris Wynkoop '19 are flourishing members of the Cornell Dramatic club which is continuing its evenings of one-act plays by modern dramatists. Elsie Church '18, was made an associate member of this organization by virtue of the part she took in planning the costumes and scenery for a Chinese play in the latest group.

May Thropp '20 has been appointed one of the two assistant

managers to the Women's business manager of the Sun.

30 March 1918 Elsie E. Church

'13 Rebecca Harris is an under-secretary in the office of the Dean of women.
'03 Mrs S. E. Rose (Harriet K. Bishop) stopped at the house one day in

'16 Anne Kerr was a guest at the house for dinner when in Ithaca on a

visit.

'16 Margaret McClanahan is doing extension work for the N. Y. state food

conservation agency, with headquarters in Ithaca.

'16 Helen Spalding is doing landscape gardening work in Pinehurst, N. C. '17 Amy Luce visited the chapter for a week in Mar. While here she did some observation work in the psychology laboratory under Professor Titchener. '17 Winifred Romer visited in Ithaca in Feb.

'17 Elizabeth Rowlee is to be married to Arthur Lobdell '16 on April 6 at

her home in Ithaca.

'18 Katherine Rodgers is employed in a munition factory.

'19 Virginia Switzer was obliged to leave college in Feb. on account of her health.

'19 Gladys Gilkey was sent as a delegate to New York City to represent

Cornell in the National Y. W. C. A. conference.

'19 Dorothy Ashley spent a week-end in Washington and visited Iris Bassett Coville '16 on the way back.

'20-ex Harriet Buckout is at her home in Scipioville, N. Y. '20-ex Eleanor Willingmeyer visited the chapter in Feb.

KAPPA-UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Christmas time seems very long ago now, but the memory of our Christmas dinner is still a very vivid one. As usual half of the girls were dressed as men and half as girls—and a motley crowd we were;

soldiers, artists, dashing college boys, dignified gentlemen in full evening dress, and little boys, each with a girl of similar character and dress. The presents, which were given out at dinner from a resplendent little tree, caused much fun. They were chosen to bring out our pet hobbies and failings and were accompanied by clever little verses. These presents, which were almost all toys, we gave

to a settlement Christmas tree afterwards.

On February 16, Kappa initiated thirteen splendid girls: Marie Babcock, Shirley Chase, Joanna Gleed, Laura Jackman, Mildred Law, Eloise McNutt, Gladys Long, Lorna Millikin, Edna Rising, Ruth Russel, Elizabeth Samuel, Dorothy Swartz, and Mary Wood. On February 21 we pledged, and on March 25 initiated Charlotte Carnie. But although we have been so fortunate in gaining so many new girls, we have unfortunately lost seven girls this year: Elsie Patterson, Mildred Schwimn, Frances Striekland, Elizabeth Goodjohn, Lorna Millikin, Marie Babcock, and Mary Wood. We hope, however, that some of these girls will be back next fall.

We have gained a number of honors this year. Margaret Hodder made Phi Beta Kappa; Jessie Wyatt made Theta Sigma Phi; Emma May Rummel was given the leading part in our senior play, Fifty-fifty; we have a member of Pi Lambda Theta, four members of Quill club, seven of Blackfriars.

A recent Panhellenic ruling has shortened our rushing season to six days. For this reason we feel it more necessary than ever before that we have a spring house-party for rushees according to our usual custom, although we have eliminated most of our entertainments this year. Our reception for the faculty and our reception for our town alumnæ were both eliminated because of expense. Instead we are inviting our alumnæ and some of our especial friends in the faculty over for dinner individually, or two or three at a time.

Here, as in all other colleges, the war has made many changes in the curriculum and introduced many new courses. We have Food conservation lectures every two weeks. First aid and Surgical dressing classes as well as classes in Diplomacy and the war, and War relief.

27 March 1918

Francis Hitchcock

The following alumnæ returned for the Christmas dinner: '19-ex Coyetta Youmans, '17-ex Helen Topping, '17 Josephine Martin, '17-ex Virginia Stone, '15-ex Myra Stevens.

Born to Mr and Mrs Davis (Katherine Dolman) a child.

'16 Maria Slade has announced her engagement to Neal Cline.

Lorna Millikin has announced her engagement to Virgil Wood.

'18 Helen Robinson has announced her engagement to Albert Pyle.

Irma Wilhelmi has announced her engagement to Charles Nesbit.

Catherine Harrison, Margaret Sedan, and Alice Sullivan of Alpha Upsilon

visited us Mar. 10.

Born to Mr and Mrs Eugene Wolfekuhler (Evelyn Hall) a boy.

Mrs Frank Thompson from Topeka visited us recently.

'16 Naomi Simpson visited us Mar. 24. Marena Sevier, Alpha Eta, visited us Mar. 23. Mrs J. Wilbur Chapman (Mable Moulton) Alpha Epsilon, visited us Mar. 16.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

An epidemic of mumps and measles has worked havoc on our campus this spring, upsetting plans for college events and depleting classes. Fortunately, our initiation was planned to come before the ban was put on all student gatherings. The chapter was invited to the home of Mabel Brownell '01, February 21, for the initiation service. At the banquet which was held at the Sherwood hotel, Pearl Grandy '17, presided as toastmistress. The alumnæ toast was given by Mrs Carpenter, Alpha Epsilon '10, the wife of the new German professor at Vermont. Mrs Carpenter has entered into our chapter life and has made herself a welcome addition to the Burlington alumnæ chapter.

The young women of the university were fortunate in having an opportunity March 18 to hear Dr Jefferis, a prominent physician of New York, who was here under the auspices of the Patriotic league. Her talk on What America expects of her college women

was very interesting and helpful.

Since the new chapter editor was temporarily relieved from her duties by the epidemic, it has fallen once more to the old editor to announce that Lambda stands first in the scholarship report.

30 March 1918 Helen Hall '07 Geneva Jones Learned (Mrs J. J.) is studying for a Master's degree

at Columbia.

'08 Earnestine Sweet has resigned her position in the high school at Proctor, Vt. and has gone to Washington to take a position in the Ordnance bureau.

'11 Died in January at Centralia, Wash. Merwin B. Miller, husband of Ella Pine Miller. Mrs Miller and her two children are now at 602 W. Montgomery st. Creston, Iowa.

'II Lois Redmond has announced her engagement to Ernest M. Daland,

M.D. a graduate of Harvard.

'18 Mildred Chapin has announced her engagement to Boardman Bosworth '19, \$\Phi \Delta \text{O}\$, of the University of Vermont.

MU-ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Initiation was February 9 and the following girls were initiated: Margaret Cleveland, Marguerite Blass, Sereta Fielder, Mary Hilderbrand, and Gladys Tuck. March 9 we had a second initiation for Helen King, Inez Brumbaugh, and Elizabeth Turner.

The freshmen party given for the chapter, February 2, was certainly clever. We were entertained by a presentation of Lochinvar, a portion of Midsummer night's dream, and other stunts. At the close of the party they presented us with some lovely portieres.

Washington's birthday was not celebrated with the usual college dinner and festivities this year. The chapel service, however, was given over to the student body. A large service flag was presented

to the college by the student senate on behalf of the student-body in token of the esteem in which we hold the college men who have entered the service. Following the presentation there were sung a

number of patriotic college songs.

News is frequently received from President Crawford concerning his work in France. He has been having wonderful experiences in receiving the first American soldiers from the trenches and in talking with them. On the evening of Washington's birthday, he was the speaker before 150 officers in the Hotel de Palais in Paris.

The girls held a college circus and served tea, March 16, for the benefit of the Belgian war relief work. It was held in the Hulings hall gymnasium and was a great success. The Hoola girls, Pam Louis Circus troupe, and the Dusky Danseurs were among the attractions. A silver offering was taken which amounted to \$36.

March 16, our seniors gave an informal party for the other senior

girls.

Susan Jenkins, one of our sophomores, is the varsity basketball captain this year.

22 March 1918

Mary K. Arnold

'95 Laura Isabel Stone, Chi, visited us March 3. The following alumnæ were present at initiation: '10 Grace Miller, '10 Lottie Hammett, '10 Jessamine De Haven Lewis (Mrs Charles), '11 Ruth Kelley, '12 Augusta Gibbons, '13 Annie Bishop, '15 Faye Barnes, '15 Margaret Simpson, '15 Dorothea Abrams Johnston (Mrs Paul), '15 Agnes McMahon, '16 Blanche Taylor, '17-ex Rachel Cleveland, and '17 Mary Flahavan.

Marguerite Shelmadine spent the week-end of Mar. 9 with the chapter. '13 Dorothy Sansom Dotterer (Mrs D. W.) is living at 1742 Wallen av.

Chicago, Ill.

'13 Born to Mr and Mrs T. B. Custer (Clara Hutchinson) a son, Richard Holmes.

'15 Mr and Mrs Paul Johnston (Dorothea Abrams) and son spent a few days in Meadville during the first of Feb.

'18 Brenda Wright, '19 Margaret McClenahan, '20 Mary Stokes, Alpha Omega, were with us Mar. 23-24.

'19 Vesta Johnson entertained the chapter at her home Mar. 15.

'20 Meta Eberling, Alpha Omega, visited us the week-end of initiation, Feb. 9.

OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Omicron has the reflected glory of honors given to two of our active members. Miss Elizabeth Yoder, a member of the College of oratory faculty whom we initiated November 19, 1917, has been elected Dean of the College of oratory. This will take effect in June when the present Dean, Miss Beulah Wright, Delta Delta Delta, is to be married.

Ruth Durkee '18 who is editor of the college daily has visited Camp Kearney, San Diego, at the request of the Young Men's Christian association to write an article for Trench and camp, the newspaper which is published in all cantonments.

The Red Cross workroom which is situated on the campus was being little patronized by the college girls until Theta decided to make a minimum of two hours a week a requirement for every active member. We find that we can have as much fun at the tables making surgical dressings as though we were talking on the lawn under the trees, and we accomplish a great deal more. In the chapter talk-around each girl reports the number of hours she has spent at Red Cross during the week; in many cases the minimum is far exceeded. We are happy to say that other fraternities have adopted the plan and we have thus doubled the weekly output of dressings.

On February 27 we initiated the following girls: Frances Vermilyea Barnes and Marjorie Schoeller, both members of Alpha Rho, the local which is now Omicron chapter of Theta, Esther Wilson, a sister, Gladys Feerrar, Blanche Anderson, Jean Wallace, Helen

Grant, and Margaret McKee.

The University of Southern California has given liberally to the book drive which is being made to stock the libraries of the cantonments. We were asked to raise 1,000 volumes. More than 2,000 have already been given and the contributions from the professional colleges have not yet been received.

Helen Hargis

Florence Paul has announced her engagement to Hallam Anderson. Mr Anderson took the A.B. and A.M. degrees at the University of Southern California, and is now working for a Ph.D. at the University of California.

Heloise Davis has announced her engagement to Raymond Haight. '90-ex Helen Widney Watson (Mrs Harry) has a grandson, Robert Watson

Bower, born Dec. 31, 1917.

'11 Florence Parmalee was married on Dec. 31, 1917, to Clyde Collison, Φ A. He is enlisted in a base hospital unit which is now stationed at Camp Kearney, San Diego.

'17 Margaret Olds is attending the State normal in the city.
'17 Catherine Cottle Gibbon (Mrs William), Phi, has been a frequent visitor at the chapter house.

Catherine Fishburn, Psi, was a guest at dinner and a chapter meeting in

Four of the six girls on the staff of the Stare Decisis, the university annual, are Thetas, Ruth Durkee '18, Marion Neuls '19, Helen Hargis '19, Jean Wallace '21.

RHO-UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

See page 423.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

In the middle of February Sigma had the pleasure of a visit from our District president. We were greatly interested in the news of other chapters which Miss Ward brought us, especially in several suggestions for rushing which we have been able to carry out.

All year there has been much discussion of our rushing system which many felt needed reforming. At last a change has been made and, while it is not as radical as several of the chapters would have wished, it is a great improvement on existing conditions. The first five week-ends of the term have been open for rushing of freshmen.

Under the new rules there will be no rushing during the first month, then three allotted parties for each fraternity in the two following week-ends. We expect this system to give all the freshmen an opportunity to enter the life of the college immediately without being overwhelmed with entertainments which include only a small number of the freshman year. Above all it will permit the friendship of fraternity members and rushees to grow in a more natural way than is possible at a number of more or less formal parties. There has been considerable anti-fraternity feeling in the freshman class, caused by the unsatisfactory rushing system and it is hoped that Panhellenic's decision will do much to alter it.

Another branch of war-work has been added to those already formed by the university. A six-weeks' vocational training course, with classes in basket-making, wood-carving, clay-modelling, et cetera, has been started in the Engineering building. When the girls have received their training they will be sent to military hospitals to instruct returned soldiers. At Hart house reeducation work is being done. Wonderful results have been accomplished and the members of the class are all very enthusiastic about their work for which there is a continually increasing need.

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Freya Hahn

TAU-NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Seven girls were initiated March 9. They were Edith Ball, Mary Clayton, Lois Elwood, Ann Harmount, Mrs Dorothy Sharpe, Mary Elizabeth Torrance, and Phyllis Shaw. Phyllis is a sophomore in Law school. Mary Elizabeth Torrance had the highest scholarship average of the Tau freshmen. A banquet followed, given at the Edgewater Beach hotel. It was an initiation feast for Katherine Barbour, Pauline Fera, Marion Metcalf, and Helen Rockwell, also, who had been initiated in the fall.

Lady Windemere's fan, an absorbing play by Oscar Wilde, was presented by the Junior class at the Evanston Woman's club, March 15 and 16. Elsie Goettler cleverly took the part of Lady Agatha Carlisle.

Campaigns of every sort have been flooding the campus. Students are asked for books for soldiers, money for missionary work, thrift stamps, etc. In every case, the response has been generous. Hundreds of books have been brought to the university library, from there to be sent to men in the service; \$780 has been so far subscribed toward the building of a gymnasium in our missionary school at Lucknow, India; more than \$600 worth of thrift stamps were sold to college folk. The methods of the latter campaign were novel. In canvassing the men's fraternities, a girl with a chaperon was sent to each fraternity house for lunch, where she made a little speech and sold her stamps like hot-cakes. Each fraternity tried to outdo the others in buying the most stamps.

Northwestern university swimmers again won the championship of the "Big Ten" conference, at Patten gymnasium, March 22. This is the fifth consecutive year that they have held the title.

Tau has voted to give up her second informal.

27 March 1918 Ruth Seymour

'17 Frances Keith of Indianapolis visited her sister in Evanston Mar. 25 and 26.

'18 Victoria Ervin is preceptress at Harmon Terrace for the remainder of the college year.

'18 Jeane Haskins is Woman's editor of the Daily Northwestern, and also editor of the Tau K.A.T.

'19 Isabelle Harkness is on the editorial board of the Syllabus (1918). '17-ex Dorothy Finger, Beta Gamma, was the soprano soloist in a production of the Holy City in Chicago, Mar. 29.

'19 Helen Rockwell sang before Campagnini, Mar. 18.

UPSILON-UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

While the girls are out on our great wide porch talking over college happenings to the accompaniment of a ukulele and the Hawaiian guitar that Katherine Hvoslef plays so well, I can tell you some of the things that have helped to keep them all busy since our last letter. We count first among our good times together the initiation March 1, which brought nine new Thetas into the chapter: Frances Johnson, Claire Samels, Lillias Hanna, Mary McCoy, Ruth Lyman, Olive O'Neil, Katherine Hvoslef, Dorothy Gilman, and Blanche Martin. Small tables were set in the reception room, as well as a long one in the living-room, and the flowers and soft candle lights made this initiation banquet a beautiful one to be a long time remembered, especially by the new Thetas who sat at the head of the table, proudly wearing their little pansy bouquets. Isn't it always much happier when you have many loyal alumnæ there? Among them were Mary Fraser, Ruth Haynes Carpenter, Anne McIlraith Quirke, Alpha Pi, and Althea Heitsmith who proved a clever toastmistress.

"Practice what you preach—ask 'em early!" was the pointed little sign with which the freshmen greeted the backward youths (?) who had not found partners for the St. Patrick cabaret on March 13. Yes, they turned half the chapter into more or less handsome males, who escorted the remaining ladies to this jolliest of parties. Everything was bright and up-to-the-minute from the green bow in the waitresses' hair to the pages of the menu from which we ordered refreshments. And there was dancing for every one between "acts."

Dean and Mrs J. B. Johnston, Dean Nicholson, Professor and Mrs W. H. Bussey, and Miss Gertrude Beggs, Dean of women, were entertained at an informal dinner at the house March 19. A second dinner is planned April 5 at which President and Mrs Burton will be the honor guests.

Comparative fraternity scholarship averages for the year 1917-18, made public in March, place Theta second of the eleven women's fraternities. Delta Delta Delta has first honors. Just a bit of house

news. Sleeping on the porch seems the rule now and the few places there are much in demand, especially since Frances and Beatrice

Johnson and Marion Holst have joined the house family.

On the campus the Women's self-government association holds large classes in surgical dressings every Tuesday and Friday afternoon, and sends in quantities of completed pieces. The Women's athletic association is active and recently staged a girls' basketball tournament in which the junior team won first place.

The work of the Junior council of national defense has been plainly sketched for us by several of its officers, and posters are now on the campus to be filled with the names of college women who will enlist for vacation service in clerical, child welfare, gardening, Americanization, Red Cross, or Patriotic education work. Still wider fields are opening up and surely no summer days need be wasted for lack of something to do.

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Elizabeth Forssell

'13 Mary Fraser is taking work in bacteriology at the university in preparation for pathological laboratory work.

'15 Laura Loetze is stenographer to Mr Thomas of the Northwestern National bank, Minneapolis.

'15 Mary Gale acts as university editor at Minnesota.

'15 Althea Heitsmith was made employment secretary of the newly appointed Junior council of national defense in Minneapolis. Ingerd Nissen was given the position of vice-chairman of this council.

'16 Maude Briggs is Y. W. C. A. secretary at the University of South

Dakota.

'16-ex Margaret Dill visited in Minneapolis during Easter vacation. Ruth and Florence Dale '17 spent a few days here at that time and were certainly welcome guests at the chapter house.

'17 Isabel Gibson is doing secretarial work at the St. Paul Y. W. C. A.
'17 Helen Leavitt is taking a course in Civilian relief at the university. She has recently completed a study of wireless telegraphy.

'17 Mary Redmond is now in Minneapolis taking a course in business

education at the Collegiate business college.

'17 Marion Gray was married Feb. 2 at her home, 1930 Aldrich av. to Lieut.

H. H. Barker. Address: 716 35th st. Des Moines, Iowa.

'17 Clara Mackenzie is taking a business course in Havre, Mont. and expects to fill a Government position in the spring. Address: Hotel Havre, Havre,

We all feel deeply the loss that has come to Clara Fanning in the death of her mother, and we give our sincerest sympathy to this most faithful big sister who is loved and respected, not only by every girl of Upsilon, but by all Thetas.

Born to Elizabeth Loomis Allen (Mrs G. B.) a daughter.

Gertrude Gibbs Meier (Mrs F.) of Woodlands, Cal. has been visiting in Monticello, Minn.

We enjoyed the short visit that Miss London, Alpha Lambda, made us on her way home, and hope that all Thetas passing through Minneapolis will not hesitate to come to the chapter house even though for just a short while.

Mary Tomlinson Pattee (Mrs R. S.) spent several weeks in California this

winter. Address: Kingcome River, B. C. via Vancouver.

Muriel Thayer is engaged in social service work as a visitor for the Associated charities, Minneapolis.

Thetas extend their sympathy to Marjorie Lovejoy Bartholomew (Mrs G. P.) at the death of her mother.

PHI-STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Founders'-day services this year were most impressive. Patriotism prevailed, for the processional to the Memorial church was lead by the R. O. T. C. men in uniform, followed by the officers of the university, among them, our beloved first president, Dr David Starr Jordan. During the evening two service flags, each containing 1203 blue stars and 7 gold stars were presented to the university: one by the women students to be placed in Memorial church as a tribute to the men they knew who are now in the army or navy, and the other by the men in the R. O. T. C. to be hung from the flag pole in front of the university. Bishop Hughes of Boston gave the address of the evening.

The Annual Mid-winter conference of the Northern California field of the Young Women's Christian association was held at Stanford February 22-25; 115 delegates were present. The theme of the conference was Preparedness for service. Among the speakers were President Amelia Rheinhardt of Mills college and our own Dean, Miss Harriet Bradford. Ellen Calhoun, one of our juniors, presided at the Saturday morning session.

Just now Phi's attention is concentrated on the Stanford Women's unit, the first to be organized by the Red Cross, though other Women's units have been taken over, by that organization. Stanford unit will leave for France in April, having three months' training before taking on a village for reconstruction.

In Red Cross each girl in the chapter has pledged herself to at least one hour's work at headquarters each week, and all the girls are knitting continually. Phi pays the last of her \$1250 to the Friendship fund this month, which sum has demanded personal sacrifice on the part of all the girls. Next month we begin the payment of new pledges toward the \$30000.00 for the Women's unit.

I should like to say that there is a loyalty and enthusiasm among the girls of the chapter, which carries them through the university year with the same Stanford spirit which now, through the exactions of war has to be nourished that it may not become latent.

'17-ex Born to Mr and Mrs Shaw (Bess Louise Gifford) a son, Feb. 1918.

'13 Born to Mr and Mrs Duryea (Dorothy Stillman) a son. '14 Virginia Murray has gone to France with a medical unit. '14 Katrine Fairclough is now engaged in war work in England.

'15 Ruth Locke Thompson is living in Salina with her sister, Margaret Locke Walker, while her husband, Lieut W. L. Thompson is stationed at Camp Reilly.

'18-ex Marjory Curry was married to Lieut. Williams '18-ex, A Δ Φ, on Feb. 5, 1918. They are now living in San Antonio, where he is stationed.

'15 Hope Kerwin is in France serving as a telephone operator.
'15 Frances Boswell Graham has announced her engagement to Donald G. Palmer, A 4, at University of California.

'14 Beula Neal is teaching in a night school in Los Angeles.

'15 Betty Taff is studying dietetics in Lane hospital, San Francisco. '19 Doris Hudson was married to Lieut W. Moss, K E, on Easter Sunday, in Fresno, Cal.

ex-'18 Doris Taylor Caspers recently visited Phi. ex-'19 Betty Elliot visited the chapter in January. Two Thetas, Florence Bills '19, and Grace Holdzkorn '20, participated in the

Junior Opera, given here last month.

CHI-SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Simplicity has been the key-note of Chi's festivities this semester. On February 1 we celebrated Founders'-day with the alumnæ. place of the usual supper we served only light refreshments but we kept the true spirit of the celebration by having with us the Founders, ably impersonated by Grace Watkins, Frances Terwilliger, Helen Hutchinson, and Kathleen Webster, who rehearsed the founding of the fraternity. Adelaide Van Alstine Yard '97 gave us some very humorous reminiscences of our first two chapter houses.

Initiation was held February 22 with a banquet on the following night. By good management the committee saved \$20, which was

turned over to the Red Cross fund.

We were very happy to have Miss Ward with us for a short visit the latter part of February. She divided her time between Iota and us and came back for a few days after initiation. On February 21 she spoke to the Syracuse Panhellenic association. On February 29 we

gave a tea for her.

Dean Richards has recently reorganized the whole system of war relief work and now a regular Red Cross unit has been established on the Hill, where the girls may work at any time. Another patriotic movement is the organization of the agricultural units or the Woman's land army of America as it is called. Many of our Thetas plan to serve this way.

Syracuse and Penn State have tied each other for the championship

in basketball.

Our formal dance was held March 23. Here, too, simplicity reigned with the result that our expenses were cut almost in half but not so our enjoyment.

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Margaret Sentell

Alumnæ present at Founders'-day celebration were '97 Adelaide Van Alstine Yard (Mrs W. H.), '97 Ollie Ross Walsh, '98 Mabel Parker Stillwell (Mrs G. H.), '98-ex Eugenia Barnes, '99 Lena Hoose Markham (Mrs P. H.), '99-ex Mary Holmes Richards (Mrs C. W.), '00 Flora Darling, '01 Elisabeth Hendrix Hopkins (Mrs T. C.) Beta, '01-ex Ida Hopkins Chamberlain (Mrs H. S.), '07 Laura Cowan Wilson (Mrs J. O.) '07 K. Grace O'Hara, '09 Helen Wright, '15 Maude Sharp, '15 Eunice Congdon Bates (Mrs Chas.), '15 Rebecca Carter, '16, Louise Balsley Tinker (Mrs Glen), '16-ex Esther Waldron DeVault (Mrs S.), '16 Ruth Jones.

Esther Wright '16 visited the chapter Feb. 10.

Clare Terwilliger is in training for a nurse at the Crouse Irving hospital. Kathleen Webster announced her engagement to Emerson Planck, Feb. 7.
'21 Fanny Niles of Berlin, N. Y. and '21 Theresa Hansch of Brooklyn, N. Y. were pledged Feb. 10.

Abby Cresson and Hildred Newell were awarded Phi Beta Kappa. '10 Born to Ruth Morrison Coult Feb. 23, a baby son. Born to Beatrice Treat Dorsey (Mrs Frank M.) Feb. 28, a baby son. '19 Alma Hodges initiated into Boar's Head, the dramatic society.

The following girls were initiated Feb. 22: '20 Hildagarde Hamilton, Plainfield, N. J. '21 Dorothy Cox, Syracuse, N. Y. '21 Dorothy Crampton, Syracuse, N. Y. '21 Mary Everett, Pottsdam, N. Y. '21 Thelma Hamilton, Syracuse, N. Y. '21 Beatrice Hunt, Oneida, N. Y. '21 Berdella Kreuger, Schenectady, N. Y. '21 Norma Lewis, Peekskill, N. Y. '21 Lois Mixer, Frankfort, N. Y. '21 Grace Morrison, Staten Island, N. Y. '21 Cornelia Smith, Baldwinsville, N. Y. '21 Hazel Stokes, Scranton, Pa. '21 Marian Stranahan, The following strangers.

The following attended initiation banquet Feb. 23: '97 Gladys Hibbard Stranahan (Mrs J. A.), '00 Mable Parker Stillwell (Mrs G. H.), '09 Jennie Wombough, '10 Helen Wombough, '10 Clare Terwilliger, '10 Helen Wright, '15 Katherine Rowley, '15-ex Jane Scott, '15 Ruth Newman, '15 Eunice Congdon Bates (Mrs Chas.), '15 Ruth Audas, '15 Maude Sharpe, '15 Marion Herring Sage, '16 Ruth Jones, '16-ex Esther Waldron De Vault (Mrs D. S.), '16 Irene Lowis '17 Mildred Kenney '17 Ruth Kenney '17 Apro Carbert '17 Florence Lewis, '17 Mildred Kenney, '17 Ruth Kenney, '17 Anna Carhart, '17 Florence Walldorff, '17 DeEtta Holmes, '17 Fredericka Smith, '17-ex Edna Long Summer-hayes (Mrs W.), '18-ex Jessie Lewis, '18-ex Edith Conger, '19-ex Marian Whelpley, '20-ex Gladys Lewis.

17 Dora Sours visited the chapter house Feb. 29.

Lois Frazee has recovered sufficiently to return home after several months in the Crouse Irving hospital.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

On March 2 Psi initiated nine girls, four sophomores and five freshmen. They are Dorothy Dennett, Lucile Chase, Ruth Joernt, Helen Sackett '20; and Harriet Bartlett, Sada Buckmaster, Marjorie Lange, Isabel Lowe, Vesta Stott all '21. After the initiation the customary banquet was held, with toasts by active members and impromptu speeches by the freshmen. The following Tuesday the initiates and pledges gave a stunt which they had been preparing for several weeks. Such an extremely clever performance one seldom sees, and great credit should be given for the interest and ingenuity of the performers.

The University of Wisconsin has adopted a French town to support. Psi has agreed to care for an orphan in the town, and we have sent several gifts to her such as knitted sweaters and ribbons. The chapter is active in war work, and several of the girls have signed up to go to France with the Telephone Operators' division and are expecting to be called at any time.

Psi recently won great honors in the intra-sorority bowling tournament by carrying off the large cup, which now belongs to us for winning it three years out of five (we really won it three years out of four); and the two smaller cups for high average and high individual scores. Katherine Brown bowled the high score of 200. We are very proud of our array of cups on the mantelpiece.

The university has been giving a course of lectures on the war, by prominent speakers both in the faculty and from away. These lectures, given twice a week, give information of interest from people who are really authorities upon the subject in such a way as could

hardly be attained through reading.

Marjorie M. Lange

'16 Margaret Whitehead recently visited the chapter.

'16 Ruth Donelly has announced her engagement to Lieut. John Edwards '15, Φ Γ Δ .

'17 Lois Clark is secretary to the president of Guilford college, Guilford, N. C.

'17 Gladys Buchner was married Feb. 25 to Lieut. Henry Brainard Nelson, I. R. C. 2 X. They will be at home after Mar. 10 at the Hotel Tyler, Louisville, Ky.

'17 Beatrice Tabor has announced her engagement to Lieut. Cuthbert Conrad '15.

OMEGA-UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

The past month has been spent in preparation and celebration of the university's semi-centennial anniversary. More than 12,000 invitations were sent in February to the alumni asking them to attend the celebration March 18-23.

The week was given over to special lectures and dedicatory exer-Addresses were made by David Starr Jordan, chancellor of Stanford university, Dr Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of The nation, Professor George Fillmore Swain and Professor Ralph Barton Perry of Harvard, Professor Charles Cestre of the University of Bordeaux, Professor James Henry Breasted of Chicago university, President Charles R. Van Hise of the University of Wisconsin, President W. T. Foster of Reed college. Many others took part in the conference on International relations which was held throughout the week. A comprehensive discussion of the problems of internationalism in their various phases was made exceedingly interesting because of the turn taken by American-Japanese relations in particular. This application of the problems and solutions was brought about by the presence of many Japanese professors, delegates, and men of letters. who took active part in the discussions which were attended by Oriental students in considerable numbers.

A review and parade of a brigade composed of the School of military aeronautics, a battalion of the United States navy from the training school on Yerba Buena Island, and fourteen companies of the University reserve officers' training corps, was held Friday afternoon on California field and was followed by the dedication of the university service flag, representing 2,200 men, which was unfurled on the western wall of the Campanile in view of the crowds assembled to watch the review.

President Harry Burns Hutchins, of the University of Michigan, gave an inspiring address at the Charter day exercises which concluded the Semi-centenary Week and were held Saturday morning in the Greek theater. Class banners were brought in and placed on the platform by graduates whose numerals ranged from 1876 to 1917 and whose spirit may well serve as standard for the next fifty years.

Our part in the celebration consisted in an alumnæ luncheon at the house, following the Charter day exercises, to which more than thirty of Omega's alumnæ came.

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'91 Mrs Elsie Lee Turner is president of the Alameda county Council of defense, member of the state Defense board and is also working with the Collegiate alumnæ.

'91 Grace Fisher, former president of the Y. W. C. A. of Oakland, has been

married to Mr John T. Richards and is living in Saratoga.

'91 Mrs Emily Hamilton Overstreet is librarian of the Fruitvale public library.

'92 Jessie Watson is lecturing on Women in industry through the extension committee of the Oakland Y. W. C. A.

'95 Mrs Grace Sutton Nye is now living in Cambridge, Mass.

'95 Miss Annie W. Brewers is in New York attending the general meeting of the national Y. W. C. A.

'98 Edna Wickson Kelly has been visiting in Berkeley from Santa Barbara.
'10 Frances Gill visited Omega in Mar. and gave an informal reading

of children's verse of her own composition.

'12 Born to May Chase Freeborn (Mrs Stanley Freeborn) a son.
'12 Born to Martha Earle Graham (Mrs Donald Graham) a son.

'13 Born to Constance Davis Ford in Feb. a son.

'14-ex Dorothea White Allen and her two sons have returned to San Diego after a visit to Camp Lewis where Mr Allen is attending the officers' training camp.

'15 Eleanor Allen has come down from Tacoma, Wash. to take charge of

the recreation department of the "Emporium" in San Francisco.

'15 Belle Hechtman is teaching at Miss Head's school in Berkeley.

'15 Elizabeth Schilling has announced her engagement to Newton Drury '12.
'15 Dorothy Reynolds Breck is living in a cottage at the Tacoma Country

club. Her husband, Lieut. Henry Breck, is stationed at Camp Lewis.

'15 Vivian Gurney Breckenfeld has been at Atherton, Cal. doing canteen work while her husband is in Camp Fremont. She has recently written two poems, A soldier's wife room hunting, published in the San Francisco Examiner and A militant schoolteacher, published in Munsey's.

'16 Eleanor Earle Henshaw has a baby daughter, Eleanor Jane Henshaw,

born Feb. 19.

'16 Ruth Edinger is teaching at Colfax, Cal.

'17-ex Myra Treat is to graduate from Munsen's Secretarial school soon.
'17-ex Mildred Clark Peabody is attending Munsen's in San Francisco.
Captain Peabody is with Pershing's troops in France.

⁷17 Olivetta Faulkener is secretary of the Red Cross in Aberdeen, Wash.
⁷17 Pauline Adams Dargie is living at the Tacoma hotel while her husband

is attending the training camp.

'17-ex Sepha Pischel Evers and her husband have moved from Shanghai

to Peking where they expect to remain for a year.

'17 Marie Porter Davis is living in Fredricksburg, Va. Her husband, Lieut. L. S. Davis, is stationed at Quantico.

'17 Gertrude Bangs is living with her sister, Irene Bangs Barton '10, in

Newport News and is teaching there.

'18-ex Winnifred Tinning is attending Munsen's in San Francisco.

'18-ex Dorothy Schillig Faust (Mrs F. S.) is living at 438 W. 116 st. New

'19-ex Dorothy Ward Erskine has been visiting her mother, Dr Florence Ward, in San Francisco. Lieutenant Erskine is stationed at Fort Douglas, Utah.

Mr and Mrs G. J. Kidder (Margaret Powell) have a new daughter, born in Dec. in Mogollon, N. M.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

We were quite pleased with our new scholarship plan, for when our mid-year marks came in we found that Theta had risen to second place and would have been first if the marks of our freshmen, who had not been initiated at that time, had been counted.

Cornelia Stabler was leading lady in the annual sophomore show. This is the third year that a Theta has had the leading part in the Letitia McNeel, Lucy Lippincott, and Mary sophomore show.

Campbell also had parts in the show.

Although our annual dance, which was held on February 16, was managed on a war basis it was a splendid success and what was lack-

ing in formality was made up in fun.

One week-end in February we enjoyed a visit from five of our Theta sisters, Pearl Van Siclen, Evelyn Kingsley, and Marjorie Carshaw from Alpha Kappa and Ilsa and Irma Wilhelmi from Kappa. Alpha Beta met her sisters at an informal tea the afternoon of their arrival.

Esther Philips played on the varsity basketball team this year.

Lucy Lippincott was on the varsity gymnasium squad.

We were all proud of Dorothy Young when she gave Tillie, A

Menonite Maid, as her junior recital.

Two of our sisters announced their engagements at a luncheon given on March 16: Beatrice Necomber '18 to John White '15 and Eleanor Stabler to William Clark '17.

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Mary Campbell

'oo Born on Mar. 4 to Mr and Mrs Edson S. Harris (Caroline T. Comly) a daughter, Carolyn Atkinson.

ALPHA GAMMA-OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Spring seems to have come at last after a long, cold winter and it is needless to say that we are duly thankful. Buds on the trees and shrubs are popping open and our campus is fairly alive with so many beautiful birds, which make it so attractive with their songs

and by showing now and then their pretty feathers.

Alpha Gamma chapter has suffered a number of membership losses during the winter. Therefore, with the coming of spring, we were glad of the opportunity to take a new lease on life by pledging several new girls and by initiating a number of our pledges of last September. Fortunately, the faculty of the university permitted all fraternities to initiate their freshman pledges at the beginning of the second semester. Our new pledges are Madeline Lentz and Miriam Cherry. Saturday, March 23, following the pledging of these girls, we held initiation services for Mildred M. Davis, junior, of Pueblo, Colorado; Mary P. Rowlen, sophomore, of London, Ohio; and the following freshmen: Beulah Brown of Detroit, Michigan, Margaret Welsh, Florence Whittacre, Charlotte Martin, Anna Louise Gale, M. Louise Dunkel, Louise Barry, Carthryn McClure, and Mary Ann Miesse, all of Columbus. After the services we had a spread at the home of Hurtha Smith in honor of our new members.

Plans are now complete for our third and last subscription dance for the benefit of the Young Men's Christian association war work. It is to be a tea dance, April 13, at the Elk's home and we are expect-

ing the receipts on this occasion to carry us "over the top."

One of our members, Phyllis Whitehill, has been elected a member of The Chimes, an honorary society for junior girls. Scholarship, personality, and interest in university activities are important factors in the selection of members of this organization. Also, one of us has gained membership in the Browning society, the woman's dramatic society of the university, and has been assigned the rôle of Camillo in Shakespeare's Winter's tale, which is to be presented May

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Ryllis C. Alexander

'18-ex Helen Murphy is teaching geometry and English in a high school in McConnelsville, Ohio.

'18-ex Janet Cleveland has withdrawn from college to attend business college. Mrs Thompson (Helen Hestwood) Alpha Mu, and Mrs Russell, Kappa, have been in Columbus visiting their husbands who have been attending the Adjutant school on the campus. '17 Helen Mickel was married to Ralph Hindman, Feb. 14.

Born to Mr and Mrs R. L. Early (Margaret Rife) a son, Mar. 28, Cincinnati, Jean Overturf is visiting in Chicago for a few weeks.

20 Mary Reynolds returned April 2 from Montgomery, Ala. where she has been spending the winter.

ALPHA DELTA-GOUCHER COLLEGE

Alpha Delta can, at last claim six new Thetas. On March 9, we initiated Evelyn Ewalt, Claire von Marées, Clara Davis, and Helen Hayden of Baltimore; Anna Wilson of Kensington, Maryland; and Marcella Mitchell of Washington, D. C. Our service was followed by a real Hoover banquet and here, as never before, we realized that it is Theta spirit which makes our good times with Thetas so different from all others.

Basketball games played an important part at college this year. Gertrude Edwards '18, Margaret Dixcy '19, and Claire von Marées '21, were on the teams. The freshmen carried off the much coveted

championship.

Goucher, like all other colleges, is doing her bit, just now. Alpha Delta has been taking an active part in various phases of war work and we are proud to say that Theta, along with Gamma Phi Beta stood highest in the contributions for the Goucher rehabilitation fund which is being raised to keep two alumnæ reconstruction workers in France.

Since scholarship is now more than ever before an important college duty and real patriotic service, we are especially proud of our recent Phi Beta Kappa, Corinne Cassard.

One of our traditional college functions, senior dramatics, will take place on April 12 and 13, when Clyde Fitch's Beau Brummel will be presented. Let us take a peep behind the curtain. We begin to think Alpha Delta's fort at Goucher is dramatics when we see six out of our seven seniors on the stage, with Gertrude Edwards in the title rôle and Edna Haymaker as the heroine.

Already Alpha Delta is looking forward to the best of all her tra-

ditions, spring house-party.

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Catharine O. Simpson

'13 Marjorie Day, has a position with the Fosdick War Recreation com-

mission in Washington, D. C.

'13 Anna Payne visited Helen Frish and was with Alpha Delta for initiation Mar. 9. She has now accepted a position with the Food administration in Washington, D. C.

'19 Agnes Hood Gronemeyer (Mrs H.) has a little daughter, Elizabeth Anne, born Feb. 28.

'17 Virginia Davis has a position in the Union National bank, Clarksburg,

Beulah Greene is doing Girls' Protective league work at Camp Meade. She has attended several alumnæ meetings in Baltimore.

ALPHA ETA-VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

The last letter from Alpha Eta went to press just one day too early to get the news from our Founders'-day celebration. It consisted in a supper at the Young Women's Christian association on the night of the twenty-sixth. We anticipated a good time, for it was a Theta gathering, but we did not know of the surprise in store for us. What was our wonder and delight to find that the last payment on the chapter house had been made and it was ours at last! That made us perfectly hilarious and also the fact that the alumnæ came from the East and the West to help us celebrate. There were reminiscences going back to the very beginning of our chapter life, and everybody had herself talked about. We went away with hearts glowing anew with Theta love.

Unfortunately all the chapter were not present at the Founders'day supper. The Kaiser had made an attack on us in the form of German measles, and claimed about ten victims. It was most unpleasant, but it showed us the value of preparedness, and we are now making strenuous efforts to ward off the annual attack of spring fever. It has not gained much headway so far, due to the fact that we have just had examinations. There being no idle brains for this ally of His Satanic Majesty to fortify itself in, it betook itself elsewhere. We are therefore beginning the new term practically unhampered.

Our one social event of the last three months was a rushing party given on Washington's birthday. It took the form of an afternoon dance with just the girls present, followed by supper and stunts. We can only hope that the rushees enjoyed it as much as we did and were as pleased with us as we were with them.

Dorothy Bethurum

'09 Agnes Amis is doing Y. W. C. A. war work in Chattanooga, Tenn.

'10 Charlotte Fox was married to Capt. Moreland in Feb.

'17 Mrs Frank Cherry (Elise Chase) was here on a visit with her husband, from Macon, Ga.

ALPHA THETA-UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

March 18 found us beginning a new term with clean records. We have just finished a horrible siege of examinations and are very glad they are over. Everybody worked hard, for we intend to keep up our scholarship average and have the silver cup again next year. The honor roll was published in today's *Texan*, the daily university paper, and several Thetas' names were present.

We pledged and initiated Garland Bonner Howard recently and

will hold initiation real soon for Mary Kirkpatrick.

Every one is enjoying the wonderful spring weather after an unusually cold winter for Texas. We have swimming parties and picnics in all our spare moments. Saturday night the regular open house was held by all the fraternities. Since open house is held only once a term now instead of every month, it is much more enjoyable for all. There was a good crowd including university men, friends of the university, and many aviators from the Aviation school located here.

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Anne Lewis Preston

'21 Mary Hart was married Mar. 8 to Jack Stuart, Δ T Δ , of University of Texas.

Mrs Howard (Garland Bonner) has gone to New York for three weeks but will enter college again upon her return.

The marriage of Elizabeth Johnson to Lieut. William Howard Duncan, to

take place April 20, has been recently announced.

Margaret Robertson and Mary Kirkpatrick have returned from a visit to

their homes in San Angelo.

Nina Fortier, a Theta from New Orleans, is visiting Margaret Montgomery.

Mrs David Allardice (Cornelia Keasby) from Indianapolis, Ind. has been visiting at her home in Austin recently.

ALPHA IOTA—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY No letter received—May 1, 1918

ALPHA KAPPA--ADELPHI COLLEGE

Quite the nicest thing which has happened to a privileged few of us during the past few months was our visit to Alpha Beta at Swarthmore college. Five of us, three Alpha Kappas, Pearl van Siclen '17, Evelyn Kingsley and Marjorie Carshaw '18, were entertained there over Washington's birthday. How we did enjoy it because it was such an interchapter affair, the other two visitors being Ilsa and Irma Wilhelmi, the twins from Kappa. Every one was so kind to us and there was so much to be seen about Swarthmore and Philadelphia that we had no idle moments. We wish every one might have the joy of visiting another chapter and since every one cannot visit the

Alpha Betas, we suggest the nearest one to home. Your Theta spirit will be so strengthened afterward.

29 March 1918

Marjorie Carshaw

Alpha Kappa is glad to announce the pledging of Helen Lay '19.

Margaret Barthel has been initiated.

Several of the chapter enjoyed a house-party with the alumnæ at Clarissa Pettit's summer camp, Mount Sinai, L. I. during Easter vacation.

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Standing room only! This was the fate of all late arrivals at the Theta Follies which we gave at the house on February 15. Truly the fame of last year's vaudeville had lived after it. And although we gave it in the house this year, every one agreed that it was just as good as the previous one. The forty dollars which we cleared and which will be added to our new house fund amply repaid our work.

On March 1 we gave our only informal of the year. That too, was in the house-but a house transformed with Vogue panels and greens. The dances at Washington have been mostly 10:30 affairs and the one informal that is given means all the more for that reason.

There are two other good times which every Theta is writing in her memory book. Those are two spreads which the freshmen gave. One was a dinner in November. The other was a spread after the varsity ball. How we enjoyed sitting around the fire, eating sandwiches and chatting about everybody at the ball.

We also have two mid-year pledges of whom we are very proud Enola Bracons from Portland and Margaret Gilbert from North

Vakima.

We feel that we have been well represented in college honors lately. Two of our seniors are members of Tolo club, honorary society for junior and senior women. Another senior filled the vacancy left by the graduation of the treasurer of the Woman's league at the end of the first quarter and one of the juniors was recently honored with membership in Red Domino, women's national dramatic society.

The university has undergone a change this year and every one is anxious to do her utmost in the war work which takes practically all of our time outside studies. A new ruling passed by the faculty recently provides that all freshmen and sophomore girls shall sign up for at least two hours of Red Cross work next quarter. It is also expected that the seniors will take special courses in food conservation.

Washington can boast of the right to add to its service flag the names of nine girls who have been accepted in the Overseas Also Arthur Priest, our well-beloved Dean of telephone unit. men, has been sent to France by the Father's club of the State of Washington to take care of the Washington men "over there." The Woman's league of which Gladys Easterbrook, one of our seniors, is president, has pledged itself to keep those boys supplied with all

the knitted things they need and this has made the campus look more like a great knitting bee than ever.

'06 Helen Harris Wilson has been visiting here from Santa Cruz.

Gladys Johnson was married to Arthur Velie. Isabel Patten was married to Clark Will, A T A. Carry Smith married Clifford English, A T A.

Next month Evelyn Goodrich is to marry Harvey Tibbles and Ethel Malpas

is to marry John Riddell.

Marie Cahill Brawley has a baby. Winifred McClean Deland has a son. Jeanette Dall Eggert has twin daughters. Hermie Sherman Evans has a son. Marjorie Miller Hemphill has a son. Clara Dean Lutz has a son. Beatrice Mercer is librarian at Ballard high school.

ALPHA MU—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Since the last letter most of our chapter has spent its turn in the hospital with the measles, but in spite of the fact we have managed to keep things moving and to make headway in the various activities.

Julia McDonald was elected Savitor queen with second place among the six. Madeline Aull has been elected vice-president on the all-junior ticket. Vivian Kirkpatrick will represent Theta as treasurer of Young Woman's Christian association next year. She was the only fraternity girl elected this election. Dorothy Mumford was chosen as delegate of the local Women's athletic association to attend the annual meeting of the Athletic conference of American college women at Chicago.

Our birthday banquet on February 12 was not as ostentatious as last year, as we are trying to conserve in every possible way. We had it at the chapter house. Those back were Elizabeth Spalding, Estelle Land (Mrs Donald Nelson), and Caroline Tull (Mrs F. C.

Shoemaker).

A new plan for running the university has been adopted. Instead of having semesters we will have trimesters. College will start August

30 and run until August 15.

Women's athletic association held its annual vaudeville on March 22. Half the proceeds went to Red Cross. Seven Thetas were in it. Dorothy Mumford was general manager, Ruth Dulaney, business manager, and Zella Ella Edwards, press manager. Dorothy Mumford and Ruth Dulaney are members of the varsity basketball team.

This winter interfraternity athletics for the girls has been started. The first series was basketball. Theta won both games that she played in the preliminary games and waited breathlessly to see whom she would play in the finals. We are now rejoicing in the ownership of the cup, having defeated Pi Beta Phi in the final.

We initiated Katherine Mumford and Helen Marbut, both Theta

sisters, on March 15. 28 March 1918

ALPHA NU-UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

I am so glad I didn't have to write to you all last week when we were in the midst of examinations—for I surely would have found myself telling you about "Duhamel's theory" or some such "bit," instead of about the happenings of Alpha Nu. And any way, now I can tell you about Mrs Dodge. You know she is the President of our district, and she is spending this whole week with us—just visiting us and mothering us. And you know how girls feel about "mothering"—especially near Easter time when the others are going home. Already she has given us some mighty good suggestions for the chapter, and we know she will give us more. Before she leaves, we are going to initiate our freshmen who are now eligible. The Fates have been very good to us this year, for our L. Pearle and Mrs Ford conducted one initiation for us last fall, and now Mrs Dodge is going to help with this one.

We are so happy because our alumnæ have formed a rousing peppy alumnæ association. We know it is real, for they are already making us feel that they are *behind* us. This means much to us, because out here in the heart of big Montana, so far away from any other chapters, we are dependent entirely upon ourselves, and any cooperation

helps a very great deal.

Mrs W. Wilcox, one of our patronesses, entertained us, the active girls and the pledges, at a war-time Kensington; and Merle Kettlewell, also entertained for us. As the war is brought closer and closer to us, we are trying to do more for Red Cross and for Food conservation. We give one evening of every week to Red Cross, and are knitting in every available moment. But, even then it all seems such a little bit to give, as compared with the things our boys are giving.

We were very glad to be able to entertain for Mrs Anna Y. Reed, a Theta from the University of Wisconsin, who conducted a Woman's Vocational congress week here, last month. She is a Theta still very much interested in Theta, having acted at one time as house-mother for our girls at Wisconsin. She is delightful in every way, and made us all long to hurry on and do something really worth while.

We are very proud to tell you that our Helen Finch is now playing first violin in the university quartet. Helen works very hard, and plays beautifully, and the people who know predict a brilliant future for her. Theta claimed another office when Gretchen Van Cleve was made president of the Mathematics club.

Mrs W. W. Wilcox presented us with a lovely silver carving set, monogrammed with K A \odot . Mrs Wilcox is the daughter of the founder of the University of Montana, and is one of our most thoughtful patronesses.

25 March 1918

Gretchen Van Cleve

'15 Mrs Walter Marshall, née Anabel Robertson, visited at the chapter house, Mar. 15.

'15 Grace Seiner visited in Missoula, Mar. 20 and 21.

'16 Mrs Payne Templeton, née Gladys Lewis, is living in Missoula.
'19 Phoebe Ector and Dorothy Wilkenson of Missoula are attending the university this quarter.

'15 Frances Donaher is operating a multograph shop in Great Falls.

'14 Mrs Joseph Hahn, née Grace Falck, is house-manager at Upsilon chapter.

'18 Ruth Davis has returned to the university after a month at home, on

account of the illness of her mother.

'19 Charlotte Plummer entertained her mother, Mar. 5 and 6 at the chapter

'15 Mrs Kenneth Wolfe, née Isabel Gilbert, of Butte, visited at the chapter house Feb. 22-25.

ALPHA XI-UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

All campus activity the last semester has, of course, centered around the war. The girls have spent a great deal of time at the Red Cross auxiliary on the campus, the minimum time pledged by each girl being three hours a week. A War saving society has been organized in the house with a hundred per cent efficiency, each active

girl having pledged a certain amount.

The war was brought very close home to the university March 16, when our Dean of women, Miss Elizabeth Fox, left for France. She goes to act as one of the hostesses for one of the rest-houses for nurses at the front. We hope to see her back with us next October. Miss Tizra Dinsdale, affiliated from Alpha Psi, Young Woman's Christian association secretary on the campus, has been appointed to fill Dean Fox's place temporarily.

The recent scholarship record for the sixteen organizations on the campus shows Theta fourth. Of course, we are not satisfied with

this record, but we are glad to have gone forward two places.

We have been fortunate in having several wonderful lecturers here this semester. Major Beith, better known as Ian Hay, the Scotch writer and soldier, took the campus "by storm," and several Thetas were thrilled when they actually met him. John Masefield speaks next month on *The war and the future*.

We are very proud of our new pledges, Vera Temple, Pendleton,

Oregon, and Mae Ballack, Albany, Oregon.

23 March 1918

Jessie Garner

'15-ex Lila Senstake Young (Mrs Harold) is living in Eugene temporarily. Mr Young is taking the six weeks' ordnance course at the university.

'17-ex Ruth Fraley Furnish (Mrs Eldon) is the mother of a young daughter.
'20-ex Marie Gates, Medford, Ore. is secretary of the Southern Oregon Red
Cross branch.

'21-ex Paula Linn has announced her engagement to Charles Dundore, K S.

'15 Gertrude Taylor McMurray (Mrs Robert) has left for New York where she will remain until her husband, Lieut. McMurray sails for France.

'17 Marjorie Williams was married to Howard Hall on February 21. The wedding took place in Memphis, Tenn. Mr Hall is an instructor in aviation.

ALPHA OMICRON-UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

"Mumps is Mumps," everybody has to have 'em. We were fortunate enough to be remembered in the recent epidemic by having three members included. Most of us have been vaccinated for smallpox on account of the prevalence of the dread disease throughout this section. Our various convalescents are now able to be about and help us in our gardening. We are hoping to raise enough lettuce, radishes,

and onions to supply our table from our own yard.

The third week of February was the big week for us this time. The pledges with much whispering and "goings on behind closed doors" were getting ready for the stunt. They made big posters announcing the big six-reel feature silent drama. Hand bills were thrown into each girl's room, further proclaiming the wonders of the stars to be featured. Then the big thing came off with all of the typical characters—the sweet country girl, the hero from the city, the villian, etc. all playing up to the mark with never a sound—this was silent drama.

Following the stunt was Catsup—horse play. If Friday had not been Washington's birthday and a holiday I'm afraid most of us

would have slept through our eight o'clock classes.

Friday night we held "open house" and introduced our freshmen to the public. A general invitation was given to the students in the university and for three hours we were busy entertaining the callers.

Saturday afternoon, March 23, these seven girls were initiated: Froma Johnson, Ruth Mansfield, Anne Knight, Dorothy Prouty, Dorothy Nash, Mary Mattison, and Pauline Stafford.

The fourth week we lost the scholarship cup to the Kappas. We

were second on the list and hope to be first again next year.

We are not forgetting our required Red Cross work. We send two girls down to headquarters each day to work for an hour or more. In the last two weeks each girl in the chapter completed a knitted garment.

Two of the five girls chosen for Owl and Triangle, which corresponds with Phi Beta Kappa, were Thetas, Ruth Bretch and Alva Jarbeau.

In the annual beauty contest recently conducted in the University of Oklahoma, Pauline Stafford was one of the six girls chosen.

Grace N. Threadgill

'15 Grace Williams is teaching English in the Oklahoma City high school. Margaret Goodrich is studying dramatics in New York.

Thelma Smith Frantz visited us a few days while her husband was attending

the school of fire at Fort Sill.

Dr Carrie Weaver Smith, of the National board of the Y. W. C. A. who was here recently to give lectures on social hygiene, was a guest at our house. Edwina Bradley, Myral Buttram, Callie Goodrich Cooch, Corrinne Breeding,

and Grace Williams were back for initiation.

ALPHA PI--UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

The second semester opens with three new members upon our list, Marion Grover, Fredrica Fox, and Enid Young who were initiated March 2. In the evening was held one of the most enjoyable banquets we have ever had at which alumnæ, active, and pledged members were present.

Between semesters, the Women's glee club took a very successful trip, giving concerts at five different cities in the state. Among the Thetas who took the trip were Ruth Mahon, Helen Tombs, Dorothy Healy, Marjorie Cook, Dorothy Perrott, and Enid Young. Marjorie Cook, Ruth Mahon, and Dorothy Healy were soloists and Marjorie Cook gave a solo dance besides managing a tableau.

Two weeks ago our pledges entertained the alumnæ and active Thetas at a clever masquerade dance at the close of which they were voted royal entertainers.

We have enjoyed a series of lectures by Miss Helen Bennett, the noted vocational speaker from Chicago. The girls were greatly inspired by her suggestions.

You will be interested to hear that Miss Agnes M. Hall, a Theta and secretary of the North Central field of the Young Woman's Christian association, is to be our guest for several days next week. Miss Hall has visited us before and we shall be very glad to see her again.

In order that we may become better acquainted with the mothers and patronesses, we are going to entertain them at a tea very soon.

The University of North Dakota is not behind the other universities and colleges in North America in carrying out the program of the Northfield convention. We have 400 students enrolled in twentyone Bible classes. It is the hope of the executive committee to have all students enrolled and judging from the interest and enthusiasm shown, this hope will be fulfilled.

A surgical dressing room has been opened at the university at which each girl spends several hours a week in the attempt to do her bit for our boys. We are also having the book drive in which every student is asked to contribute books to be sent to the soldiers.

The girls' volley-ball teams have been formed and they are working hard in preparation for the tournament. Several of our girls are playing and one of our pledges, Marjorie Bell, is captain of the freshman team.

Enid Young

Peggy London, Alpha Lambda, visited us last week.

Mabel Deily, a pledged member of the group which became Alpha Psi, called on us last week.

Merle Rutherford, who attended the University of California last semester, has visited us several times this semester.

Ruth Soule now teaching at Fosston, Minn. is spending her vacation here. Inez Serumguard has resigned her position in the International Falls schools and has gone to Washington to take a clerical position.

ALPHA RHO-UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

February was a busy month for Alpha Rho. February 8, we initiated Sue Abrams, Marie Leavitt, Margaret Sharp, Olive Siddons, Jo Studenroth, Margaret Johnson, Fay Nicholson, and Florence Collins. Ruth Bonsey of Pierre was pledged. Installation of officers took place February 11.

A tea for Red Cross benefit at the Theta house February 16, made \$20 for the University girls' auxiliary of the Red Cross. Every member of the chapter works regularly each week in the auxiliary

work room.

The campaign for student study of Christian democracy is being carried on by Young Woman's Christian association and the Theta class meets at the chapter house each Monday. The Dean of women is conducting the course.

Alpha Rho gave a house dance to celebrate St. Valentine's day. Juliet Lien, Olive Siddons, and Ruth Bonsey entertained the chapter

at a St. Patrick's party, March 16.

Every one donated articles for a Red Cross auction at the girls' dormitory March 7 and the proceeds were \$116. One of the girls was auctioneer. A bowery dance afterward, at five cents a dance, made \$40.

The university will have a vocational conference for girls April 25-27 led by our Young Women's Christian secretary, Miss Maud Briggs, Upsilon.

19 March 1918

Laura Lou Brookman

'17-ex Flora Williams visited Alpha Rho for a few days.
'15 Ella Grey was married to Capt. Walter Willy, February 2.

'19 Mildred Gold is on the staff of the Volante, the university weekly.

Miss Ruth Detwiler, Delta, was a guest at the Theta house.

Anna Del Morgan has returned to her home after a season of lyceum work in the East.

ALPHA SIGMA-WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

The second semester began February 4 and as usual meant another busy rushing season. However Panhellenic council limited it to two weeks this time and it ended February 18 with the result that we have two fine pledges, Nell Moore of Anacortes, Washington, and Juanita Loomis of Spokane, Washington.

We initiated our seven first semester pledges February 11, just before our president, Dena Whitmen, left for Olympia, where she was married to Phillip Dix of Salt Lake City, Utah, on February 28.

Several of our girls have received distinction in college activities this semester. Dorothy McMaster and Glenna Troy were elected to Gamma Tau, a junior-senior woman's honorary society; Marie Cave is president of Woman's league council and Mildred Hardy and Dorothy McMaster were appointed new members of the Young Women's Christian association cabinet.

Beside this, the Theta basketball team won the championship in the Intersorority basketball tournament and we also had representatives on both the junior and senior class teams. These activities, together with knitting and Red Cross work, keep the girls pretty

busy.

In March, Mrs Dodge, our District president, spent a week with us. We all feel that we know her so much better now and only wish that she could visit us oftener. We enjoyed every minute of her visit with us. She also initiated Nell Moore, who was a first semester student, March 22, which meant that we appreciated the initiation just that much more. Mrs Lindley, wife of President Lindley of the University of Idaho, a Theta from Indiana university, came over for initation. We hated to see both Mrs Lindley and Mrs Dodge leave.

Our little French war orphan has written us several letters and sent us some pictures of the street on which she lives with the nearby school buildings, churches, and residences. She received our Christmas box and said it was in fine shape and that they certainly appreciated any such kindness in France today. She also said that they were all confident that the entrance of America into the war meant a speedy victory and that American troops were landing every day.

We are busy now preparing for a silver tea which we are giving April 13 for the benefit of the Red Cross. We are planning to make it a Japanese affair and sell war candies, serving only war refresh-

College is to close early this spring because of war conditions, so we all expect to be home by June 1.

30 March 1918

Eleanor Wilmer

'16 Etta Losee has had to give up her position as teacher in the Wilber high school because of illness.

'17-ex Mary Ward was married at Astoria, Ore. to Ellis Haeger of Chehalis,

Wash.

'17 Lila Bryan was married at Boise, Idaho, to Norbert Kulzer of Valley, Wash.

'17 Iras Troy spent the week-end of April 6-7 in Pullman.
'20 Doris Hudson was married Easter Sunday at Fresno, Cal. to Lieut. W. A. Moss of Camp Freemont, Cal.

'20 Jeanette Scriber has announced her engagement to Joseph Saboe of Seattle.

ALPHA TAU-UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

This is a great time of year for studying the new grass formations on the campus, and for doing research work in country roads but alas, it is also the season for a big drive launched by the professors to see how much pressure can be applied without causing actual death.

Several events postponed from winter have helped to fill the spring calendar to overflowing. Among them was the annual "Vodvil." Each class gave a stunt and we can modestly say that much of the dramatic talent displayed bore the Theta patent. The hit of the show was one of the men's fraternities' version of a slumber party at

"Holysmoke" college. Why is it that boys always love to give some foolish imitation of girls? Kimonos flowed freely in this little drama disclosing—well, sometimes it was red stockings. The deep-laid plot consisted mostly of ardent embraces bestowed by the fair ones upon each other, but the sweet and girlish effect was somewhat marred by

the decidedly rectilinear contour of the sprightly nymphs.

And that reminds me; a few of us had the honor of escorting two of our new students from France to the "Vodvil" and introducing them to their first college show. It must have seemed strange to them to see college men and women enjoying such childish hilarity up there on the stage together. There are five of these charming "mesdemoiselles," true French women, pretty, vivacious, and interesting. With them is inaugurated a new system of exchange of students between this university and those of France and England. Their college life in France, they say, is quite different from ours. At the Sorbonne the students only take five or six hours a week and do an enormous amount of outside study. Attendance at classes is not required and they do not register for any particular course, simply attending whatever lectures they wish. Their professors take no account of them until final examinations. I wonder how many Phi Beta Kappas would be elected on that system here.

By the time this letter appears we will have 500 brand new soldier boys at the university! The engineering college is to be made a training station of mechanics for the aviation service. Cincinnati feels quite honored that Uncle Sam has chosen this university for the responsibility of training his boys. Every one is getting ready to do his share in meeting the problems that are bound to arise from this innovation and the Thetas are wondering if there is not some particular phase of one of these problems toward the solution of which they

can contribute.

29 March 1918

Agnes Hamilton James

The marriage of Helen Andrews to Lieut. John Gale was celebrated at Camp Dodge, Iowa, Mar. 4.
'10 Cornelia Atkins is visiting her sister in New Orleans.

'16 Mildred Barnett has come from Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Ala. for a visit with her parents.

'15 Mary Cellarius is teaching English and History during second semester

at Norwood high school.

'17-ex Grace Dudley, who has spent the winter in the west, is at present with relatives in Southern California.

'17 Elizabeth James is assistant in the Household arts department of the university.

'16 Katherine Ritchie, Psi, who is taking her Master's degree this year, is an assistant in the English department.

ALPHA UPSILON-WASHBURN COLLEGE

This is an eventful evening. A new archive box we have had made has just arrived and, to our dismay, is about large enough to rent as a cottage for two; we were dinner guests at the Phi Delta Theta house; and tomorrow Miss Davis is coming.

The end of college is but eight weeks off and we are already busy on final things. Marguerite Thrapp, as manager of the May fête, is hard at work. Christina Ward, editor-in-chief of our Annual, says it will soon be out. Marjorie Herrig is manager of the Junior prom, and Ruth Koester is helping coach the play, *The yellow jacket*, in which Mary Paxton, Bettie Fyffe, Marjorie Herrig, Louise Bell, and Gracia Wood have parts. Louise Bell is one of the nominees for May queen.

College is such a strange place this year but I suppose it is much the same every place else. Almost every week another student leaves to join the army, and about as often some old Washburn student is back, splendid in his khaki. So many of our faculty also have left

to enter some branch of the service.

Of course, we aren't doing society as in other years. We have had only one informal this college year. Every three weeks we have a silver tea for the fraternity. It is held at some town girl's home and the money goes to buy war stamps.

Just this week we sent a box of little gifts to our French orphan,

a little girl.

We initiated three weeks ago, so now there are more Thetas. Do you remember any of the names? Elizabeth Fyffe, Elizabeth Hopkins, Helen Lucas, Irene Peers, all of Topeka; Katherine Ewing, Miami, Florida; Lydia Suydam, Leavenworth, Kansas; Elizabeth Bass, Eldorado, Kansas; Eunice Geiger, Oberlin, Kansas.

Although this year hasn't been as gay as others, I believe we have learned to know one another as never before, that we love as Theta sisters should, and realize that Theta ties are going to mean a great

deal to us in the strenuous months ahead.

26 March 1918

Gracia Wood

ALPHA PHI-NEWCOMB COLLEGE

Pledge day was Saturday, March 2. Alpha Phi pledged two girls, Velma Moody and Nellie Pierpont. Panhellenic had decided to hold pledging on a Saturday because on that day we have no classes at Newcomb and therefore the fraternity activities would not be interrupting the college. Everybody was on the campus by 10:30 and then the rejoicing began. Most of the chapters had luncheon first and then pledged in the afternoon; but not Alpha Phi, we were so glad to be able to hold an eating party off the campus that we had decided to have a real picnic. We piled everything, including the ice cream freezer and ourselves, into three automobiles and went several miles below the city to the ruins of Packenham's house and ate lunch in the oak grove which leads up to the ruins of the house. It would have been a very delightful picnic if it had not been for the heat.

The basketball season will be over on Saturday, when the alumnævarsity game is played. The sophomores won the interclass championship cup to the sorrow of every class in college but one. Field day is less than a month away and after that baseball games will reign.

The Cercle Français is going to give two plays-La Fille a Marier and La Vielle Cousine-for the benefit of the Secours Louisianais a la France.

The ever popular Kapalta Kazoo band has been asked to perform

at the Soldiers' and sailors' club on March 22.

22 March 1918

'12 Married, May 23, Ethel Barkdull and Martin Kahao, Δ T Δ . '14 Married, May 31, Katherine Hoffman and Richmond Varnado.

'11 Married, July 25, La Reine Hill and Dr Addley H. Gladden, Φ Ψ. Dr Gladden, a lieutenant in the M. O. R. C. is now in France.
'16-ex Married, in Nov. Anna Joyce Morgan and L. Huber Nuglesby.

'16 Married, Dec. 12, Linda Coleman, Alpha Theta, and Lieut. R. K.

'10 Born to Flavia Hereford Catoire, a daughter in Nov.

'14-ex Marion Jackson left New Orleans in Feb. for Battle Creek sanitarium, where she will take a course in ditetics.

'15 Mabel Rose Sivewright is teaching domestic science in the New Orleans

public schools.

Gladys and Hathaway Gibbens, Ethel Friedricks and Blanche Higginbotham (Upsilon) were in New Orleans for the Christmas holidays.

'15 Margaret Marks and '16 Adele Drouet have entered the business world;

both are very successful in their new field. '16 Miriam Thompson is teaching mathematics in Limestone college,

'II * Edna Niebergall Black is at Annapolis, where her husband Lieut. J. R.

Black, U. S. N. is in training.

Founders'-day was a double celebration for Alpha Phi. On Jan. 26, one pledge was initiated. Immediately after initiation the New Orleans alumnæ carried out the Founders'-day celebration by giving a progressive supper. The girls were taken from house to house, in cars, one course being served at each house. At the last course was a "birthday cake" which displayed forty-eight candles!

ALPHA CHI-PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Purdue's part and Purdue girls' part in the war is of primary interest to us now and we are very proud to tell of our new service flag presented to the university by the Purdue Girls' club on March 7, a flag containing the numerals 1,700, representing the number of Purdue men now in service, and four gold stars for those who have died in the service.

March 25 the Purdue Girls' club is giving a dance, a real war dance, in that it is not only foodless, but also manless. Its purpose is to raise money for our pledge to the Young Men's, and Young

Women's Christian Association War Fund.

Alpha Chi entertained all of the dormitory girls at a progressive St. Patrick's day party on March 16. The guests were welcomed by the most Irish of Irish washerwomen, were decorated with the green, and then entered into a rollicking round of fun from the clever freshmen stunt to the conclusion with a most original of Virginia reels. True to our decision, now a necessity, we had no refreshments.

Theta stood third in scholarship among the women's fraternities, with an average of eighty-six and three-tenths. We are working hard to pull our standing up, strictly enforcing study hours and having special classes. Each girl has pledged herself to keep her average above eighty-five.

One occurrence of much interest to us is the granting of an Alpha Chi Omega charter to the local woman's fraternity, Alpha Beta, which

was just established last spring.

Marjory Beall and Frances Fisher have been elected to Omicron Nu, honorary home economics; Dale Waterbury to Theta Chi Gamma, honorary literary; and Dale Waterbury, Thelma Beall, and Esther Knox, to Philalethean literary society.

We have one very new pledge, Marion Sherwin of Indianapolis, who entered the university second semester and was pledged Febru-

ary 25.

24 March 1918

Jane E. Dve

'04 Born to Mr and Mrs Constantine Harcoff (Lyla Marshall) Jan. 24, a daughter, Jane.

'07 Jennie Tilt is an analytical chemist with the Radium research laboratory, Standard Chemical Co. Pittsburgh, Pa. Address: 157 N. Craig st. '09 Lora Enders Romberger (Mrs F. F.) is on a motor trip to Ft. Ogle-

thorpe, where her husband, Lieut. Romberger of the Medical Corps, is stationed.

'10 Lenna Landis is assistant director of music in the Senn high school of Chicago.

'11 Born to Mr and Mrs T. H. Henry (Emma Smith) a daughter, Patricia Alice, July 4.

'II Born to Mr and Mrs Sidney Smith (Theresa Moore) a son, Sidney, jr. Oct. 31.

'13 Elsie Stoker was married Feb. 9 to Capt. Arthur C. Barnes '19-ex of Purdue, who now is stationed at Camp Lee, Va.

'14 Eleanor Taylor was married on Sept. 2 to Robt. D. Morse. Address

3125 College av. Indianapolis, Ind. '16 Ida Belle Towsley was married Feb. 23 to Sergt. Maj. Ralph Adams, Φ Δ θ '18-ex, in New York City.

'16 Alice Hupe is on the library staff at Purdue university.

'17 Announcement is made of the marriage of Gladys Crain to P. V. Strehlow, B O II, Illinois University, April 6. Their home will be in Peoria, Ill. '18-ex Helen Knox Funk is now at home in Lafayette.

India Wilson, Gamma, and mother were week-end guests at the Theta house,

where Beth Wilson is chaperon.

ALPHA PSI-LAWRENCE COLLEGE

No letter received—May 1, 1918

ALPHA OMEGA-UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Alpha Omega announces the following pledges: juniors-Mary Wightman and Helen Steinert; sophomore-Irma Gill; and freshmen-Margaret Colcord, Helen Creighton, Lena Ebeling, Rhoda Koenig, Alena Horner, Mercedes Mehl, and Frances Wills. We are especially glad to welcome four sisters of Thetas-Margaret, whose sister, Rose Colcord Weibel, was a charter member of Alpha Omega; Helen Creighton, who has a sister, Neva, from Eta; and Lena Ebeling and Helen Steinert, whose sisters are sophomores in Alpha Omega. This year we are postponing our initiation until the middle of April in order to give time for a period of systematic instruction of pledges under the direction of seniors. We hope that one product of freshman industry will be a contribution of ten new Theta songs which shall be worthy of the forthcoming edition of the song-book.

Since convention, Alpha Omega's fraternity life has broadened in so many directions that we are apt to trace all good things to Charlevoix. Whether our active interest in interchapter relations originated there or not, it certainly is notable that this year has been pleasantly marked by week-end visitings to and from our nearest neighbor, Mu. Meta Ebeling's sojourn in Meadville during Mu's initiation resulted in the infusion of new enthusiasm; we are glad that the good spirit of the "jolly chapter Mu" is so contagious. In the latter part of March, the girls' basketball team of the University of Pittsburgh, on which there are three Thetas, played the Allegheny team in Meadville. Mu was more than cordial in her reception of not only the Thetas but of the entire team.

Of course, by this time you all know of John Martin Mecklin, Theta's newest and most honored baby. District V may claim him as mascot for the St. Louis convention, but Alpha Omega of District III claims him as special associate member until that time—and after. We are going to see him often, for Mrs. Mecklin is moving near by. Our house will be almost adjoining; and we have already been asked to wear a path between the back yards. You may believe all the charming stories of John Martin; Alpha Omega is witness to their truth. And we are sorry that you are denied the special first hand glimpses we have of him and his mother.

Last Friday—it being a very sunny and beautiful afternoon—John Martin excused his mother for the first time, so that she might visit us, her Theta children. We were glad to see her at our tea, which we held in honor of the representatives of Pi Beta Phi, who were here inspecting a local. We had invited all the fraternity women of the university, and a large representation gathered in true Greek spirit to hear Mrs Rugg, editor of the *Arrow*, speak on the attitude of fraternity women toward democracy.

The tea gave us opportunity to show our Alpha Omega baby to those who had not previously seen her. It was perhaps because war orphans are such usual acquisitions in this day that the city girls thought it quite right that the chapter should adopt her—especially since the house people, who would have the greatest work, would not hear of parting with her. So the story spread through the chapter and the university that the Thetas had an orphan-girl, blue-eyed, having already two teeth but a very limited layette. Theta mothers and more distant people hunted through their attic trunks for unused

baby clothes, which were to be offered to our orphan. Then curious girls came in pairs to visit our baby; and after seeing her they were more enthusiastic than ever. There was some talk that other fraternities were also considering the policy of adoption. Interest was at its highest pitch when word got around that our baby possessed a stigmata of degeneration; on the back of its neck were the words "In Deutschland gemacht"! And it was suddenly common knowledge that our orphan was only a very life-like doll which Florence had taken to a kid party.

We do not include our baby as part of our war activities. Most of the war work done by the girls is more effectively accomplished in their own communities so our chapter contributions have been only the purchase of a Liberty bond, and a gift of \$25 to the students' war fund. At the university the girls are enrolled in classes in first aid, dietetics, and home nursing. Regular work in making surgical dressings is also required.

The university service now numbers 1,412 men. An army officer is training the men still in college; and the university has been designated as a Reserve officers' training camp. Very soon 600 soldiers are to be stationed on the campus to receive training in the ground school.

31 March 1918

Margaretta Weber

'II Verstine Dale Finley has accepted a position as employment agent for women with the Westinghouse electric manufacturing Co. at East Pittsburgh. 'II Anouncement is made of the engagement of Anna Lora Hopkins to William P. Moreland. jr. of Phi Delta Chi, who is in the gas defense division of the service in New York City.

Olivia Widdowson and Vesta Johnson, Mu, spent the week-end of Mar. 2

as guests of Alpha Omega.

'17 Alicia Musser, who has been teaching in Altoona, spent the week of Mar. 25 at the chapter house.

'20 Mary Francis McConahey, who is attending Smith college, spent Easter vacation in Pittsburgh.

Dorothy Nichols, Virginia Lewis, and Gertrude Simpson, Mu, called at the Alpha Omega house Mar. 30.

'16 Louise Culley has returned to Pittsburgh to accept a position as visitor with the Associated charities.

On a basketball excursion to Allegheny college, Brenda Wright, Margaret McClenahan, and Mary Stokes, members of the University of Pittsburgh team, were guests of Mu.

Carrie McClarren Weirick (Mrs Clarence) is living at 31 Bennett st. New York, Lieut. Weirick being stationed at Camp Upton.

Jane Fisher Hunt (Mrs Harrison) now resides at 162 1st st. Morgantown, W. Va.

'13 Mathilda Moldenhauer Brooks (Mrs Summers) is residing at 332 Eliot st. Milton, Mass. She will receive her Ph.D. at Harvard in June.

'15 Hazel Keffer Peden (Mrs John T.) is living at present, at 705 Washington st. Petersburg, Va.

'16 The engagement of Helen Frost to Mr Howard Dice of Cleveland, Ohio, has recently been announced.

BETA BETA-RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE

Founders'-day on March 12 was celebrated with the usual holiday and lecture in the evening by President Mitchell of Delaware college whose subject was the *Moral offensive*. Other instructive and pleasing addresses were those secured through the efforts of the political science and chemistry departments, the former entitled *America's policy of isolation* by Dr Latiny and the latter, an illustrated lecture on *Food from the standpoint of science* by Dr H C. Sherman.

A treat always welcomed enthusiastically by every member of the college community is the annual art exhibit. This year we were particularly fortunate in procuring a large number of famous European canvases, and also the rare treat of a critique by Mr J. H. Beauvoir Nelson, editor of the *International studio*.

Among our numerous activities there is none of more importance than the Red Cross sewing for which each girl has promised to spend several hours weekly. In accordance with the request of the national Food administration, Randolph-Macon has placed in its curriculum a four hour course in food conservation, consisting of lectures, parallel reading, and laboratory work. This is intended to fit the students to act as assistants to practical demonstrators throughout the country and has received the hearty support of the student body.

This spirit of cooperation has so thoroughly permeated our scholastic life that its effect is very strongly seen in the social side of the college, as evinced by the sophomore party to their seniors on March 23. This was entitled a "less" party, the purpose being to eliminate all expense. Unique in every feature this party was very attractive and thoroughly enjoyed.

Although at the time of our last letter we were making plans for our annual banquet, it appeared to us later that such festivities were not in keeping with the national spirit of sacrifices and we cheerfully gave it up.

Beta Beta rejoices in the announcement of the pledging and initiation on February 16 of Eunice Wilson.

30 March 1918

Edith West

'16 Ramelle Smith visited in college recently.

'17 Lucy Ames spent several days with her sister, Cora Byrd.

'19 Louise Ellis and Hazel Newhouse spent the spring vacation in college.
Married, April 4, at Saint Albans, North Augusta, S. C. Margaret Ellen
McKie and Chandler Wilson Wimberly.

BETA GAMMA-COLORADO STATE COLLEGE

No letter received—May 1, 1918

BETA DELTA-UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

The war, Red Cross, and conservation of food are uppermost in our minds here as well as every where else, and Beta Delta is trying to do her share of war work. We have all pledged ourselves to

give a part of our Saturday afternoons to work on hospital garments and to work for an hour on Monday evenings after fraternity meetings, on surgical dressings for the Red Cross. The campus fraternity women are pledging themselves, through college Panhellenic, to observe "candy-less" and "soda-fountain-less" days as governed by our "Wills and Don'ts."

We are feeling the effects of the war in the loss of several of our faculty members, too. Among these are Dr Brinton, Dr Forbes, Professor Lockwood, and Professor Blume, all of whom are going into some branch of war service.

Since our last letter we have initiated five splendid girls: Phyllippa Brannen, Mary Dawson, Mildred Kelly, Jessie Rae, and

Mary Gene Smith: In February we pledged Ella Smith.

We were very fortunate in having Miss Christina Gilchrist, Nu, visit us for a few days. Miss Gilchrist is in charge of the Associated charities in Phoenix and her visit was an inspiration as well as a pleasure to us. Another visitor we welcomed with open arms was our own Helen Bailard, who went through Tucson on her way home from an extended trip in the Eastern states.

On February 8 we gave a very informal dance at the home of Edith McDermott in honor of our two graduates, Ruth Reed and Hazel Whitney, who were leaving. On Washington's birthday, we entertained for our former Gamma Phi Sigma sisters with a Hoover tea. Last month our president, Mary Estill, entertained the chapter with a buffet supper in honor of her house guest, Margaret Durmont, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

In this our first year of Kappa Alpha Theta we have made many mistakes and have failed perhaps, in some of our undertakings but it has been a very happy year and we are already planning for next

year.

1 April 1918

Dorothy Jackson

BETA EPSILON-OREGON STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Dean Arnold of Simmons college spoke to the women of Oregon state agricultural college April 11, and her address was most inspiring. She is but one of the enthusiastic and energetic war workers who have spoken here this year.

President Kerr is also very active in war work. He is one of the seven men chosen by the government to carry on the Food conservation campaign.

A charter of Gamma Phi Beta has been granted the local Beta

The second semester opened with a two week's rushing season which was very successful for Beta Epsilon as her two rushees, Margaret Rogers and Marjorie Rood, are now wearing Theta pledge pins.

We announce the initiation of Mathilda Humason Tufts and Alice Cornwall, both charter members of Alpha Chi, on March 9; and of

Margaret Meek Markham, Alpha Chi alumnæ, Mary Woodward, Ruth Chambers, Marion West, Grace Crandall, and Marguerite Frey-

dig on April 12.

Our informal dance was held April 6 in the lobby of the men's gymnasium. Among the Alpha Xi girls who attended were: Vera Temple, Carol Montague, Theodore Stoppenbach, and Merle Hamil-

16 April 1918

Eva Kelly

'18 Elizabeth Barker has been made an assistant in the Home economics department.

'20 Grace Smith is now assistant preceptress at Canthorn hall.

'19-ex Marjorie Crittenden visited the chapter April 6.

'17 Dorothy Wright, Alpha Chi alumnæ, spent the week-end of March 17 with us.

'16 Sarah Yeatman and Lydia Doolittle attended the initiation April 14.

BOSTON ALUMNÆ

The Thetas who live in greater Boston year in and year out are convinced that they will ultimately know personally at least one-half the fraternity. Schools to study in and to teach in, and where husbands study and teach, bring us a delightful procession of Thetas. But how we hate to see them go! We can only console ourselves with the thought that it is better to have known and lost than never to have known at all.

This year our membership includes representatives of twenty-two college chapters. At our Founders'-day luncheon, we felt truly cosmopolitan with the Providence alumnæ Thetas and a smaller number

from the northern New England states as our guests.

We have had four Red Cross sewing and knitting meetings; the Founders'-day luncheon, simple but happy; and have yet to come, one sewing and knitting meeting and our annual outdoor meeting.

Boston is filled with the war spirit, what with long time close connections with England and France, a taste of hardship in connection with the coal shortage, our streets dotted with soldiers and sailors from the nearby camps and schools, and many of our friends and relatives on the other side. Each of us is performing some war service, and wishing to do more.

30 March 1918

Jessie C. Eastham

Mrs Ward H. Cook (Martha Stough, Kappa '10) has a son, born early in

Mrs George Graham (Suzanne Stabern) has left the Women's Union school of salesmanship to become assistant merchandise manager for the Gilchrist Co.

Elaine Jones (Alpha Eta) has a position at the East End Christian Union,

a Cambridge settlement house.

Laura Merrill (Upsilon) is working with the Associated Charities in Charles-

Mrs Chester C. Waters (Marjorie Strong, Psi) has moved to Washington, D. C. where her husband is working for the Government.

Mrs Frank Dawson (Edith Ackerman, Chi) has the sympathy of all Thetas in the recent death of her father.

Mrs B. L. Belding (Isabel Wheeler, Alpha Zeta) has been in Cleveland during the winter on account of Dr Belding's being in the Government service. Constance Votey (Lambda) has sailed for France to be with Base Hospital No. 6, American Expeditionary Forces.

CHICAGO ALUMNÆ

The meeting of the National Panhellenic congress in Chicago last October gave the Chicago alumnæ chapter renewed inspiration and determination to do something that counted, and we hope that we have not entirely failed.

The best accomplishment of this year has been in the Red Cross work done under the auspices of the College club unit. Every Monday since November 12 has seen a group of Theta alumnæ at the College club picking threads and squaring corners of surgical dressings or carefully copying the model suit of pajamas. The attendance has not been large, for many members find it more convenient to work in Red Cross rooms in their own particular suburb. However, those who come once, come again and again for they find there not only an opportunity to help win the war but the pleasure of making friends with "that charming Theta whom one has always wished to know but who has always lived on the opposite side of the city." The number of surgical dressings, knitted pieces, and hospital garments turned in on Monday has made it a welcome day with the College club unit. This work will continue through the summer, although the monthly meetings are not held during July and August.

Last year at the Founders'-day luncheon the Chicago alumnæ started a fund which applies to the members of the two Illinois college chapters, Delta and Tau, and is known as the Illinois Students' fund. By being a friend in need to the girls of the two chapters in whom she is most directly interested, the alumnæ chapter will be able to materially aid Thetas not eligible to the National scholarship fund. For the latter a collection is made at each meeting, except one when contributions are made to the Illinois Students' fund.

Founders'-day luncheon this year unfortunately fell on one of those blizzardy days to which Chicago has been treated quite frequently during the winter. This, however, proved no obstacle to eighty-three enthusiastic Thetas who hailed from many different chapters, giving the meeting quite a convention-like atmosphere. Flowers, menus, and elaborate courses were abolished by mutual consent. However, no sacrifice was felt for the event of the day, the address of Dr Bertha Van Hoosen, Eta and an eminent Chicago doctor, was sufficient compensation. When an interesting woman talks on the subject nearest her heart, attention is only a pleasure; thus the Thetas present heard with interest and pride Chicago's foremost exponent of Twilight sleep tell of her discoveries in connection with this subject.

If Chicago alumnæ may boast of a famous woman doctor in their number, so may it refer with pride to a new Chicago Grand Opera favorite, Margery Maxwell, Alpha Nu, who has been an alumnæ chapter member since her arrival from Portland two years ago to continue her vocal training in this city. She sang lyric soprano rôles with great success in Chicago during the past opera season and repeated her triumphs in the East when the Grand Opera company made its tour in February. For this summer and next fall she has been engaged by the Redpath bureau to do concert work. The alumnæ chapter follows her successes with genuine affection and the keenest interest.

The regular meetings of the chapter are held the third Saturday of each month from September to June, in the Blue Fountain room, the Tea-room floor of Marshall Field's. A business meeting at eleventhirty is followed by a luncheon at twelve-thirty. The convenience of this as a meeting place is attested by the usual attendance of thirty

or more members.

26 March 1918

Louise E. Lewis

EVANSTON ALUMNÆ

The Evanston alumnæ meets every month on the third Wednesday for luncheon at some home in Evanston, Wilmette or Winnetka. Three of us assist the hostess, and usually about twenty-five are present. Most of us are from Tau, but for the last two years we have had about ten or more from other chapters. We have discussed doing definite outside work, but find that each of us is concerned closely with many branches of war or philanthropic work, so our gathering has been purely social, but with the deeper meaning as expressed in the wording of our purpose, wording suggested by that of the Columbus alumnæ, "The purpose of this chapter shall be to promote and perpetuate fraternity associations, to keep in touch with the local chapter, and to ally itself with Panhellenic interests." I believe that this statement of our purpose tells you all about us, for we do mean something to our college chapter, Tau, two of whose members are always at our luncheons, and bring to us a report of college life and of their successes and failures therein, and a frank discussion takes place. Two of us are more directly guiding Tau, but many drop in at their meetings and more are invited. Through our efficient president, who was our delegate at Charlevoix convention, and through our loyal corresponding secretary, we are more instructed and enthused in Panhellenic affairs.

In normal times, we are a group of very busy and efficient women, but in these war times, all of us have used our engery in all the different lines of Red Cross, registration and conservation movements, so much so that the question came up in the fall as to whether we should continue our luncheons. We decided wisely not to give them up, so they are more than ever a bright spot on our calendars. Really, each of us has a personal record of efficient activity. Our

president is Mrs James T. Haviland, 821 Elmwood avenue, Evanston, Illinois, and we shall be glad to share our fraternity associations with any Theta coming to Evanston.

1 April 1918

Bessie Smith King

'04 Among our enthusiastic members of the year is Henrietta Fuller Westcott of Lawrence college. Her husband has been made lieut. colonel in the regular army, and is at Camp Custer. Mrs Westcott and the two children have been living at Fort Sheridan.

'II The husband of Marjorie Verbeck McCulloch is an officer in the

Navy and stationed at Pelham Bay Park, N. Y.

'15 Our Peggy Wilcox Richards (Mrs J. V.) has been living in the woods outside Baltimore. Her husband has been connected with the Curtis Bay Ordnance depot.

'96 Beulah Merville Spofford (Mrs C. W.) has been spending the year with her children in La Jola, Cal. Mr Spofford has been doing Y. M. C. A.

work in the camps in Texas.

Elizabeth Bonnell Williams (Mrs Carl) has two sons in service, one in

Y. M. C. A. work in Camp Grant, and one in coast defense service. '09 Mrs Myron H. Leckner (Reliance Holton, Gamma) announces the

birth of a son, Marshall, Feb. 25 in Winnetka, Ill.

New Theta daughters have come to Edith Shelby Berry, to Marie Benton Jennings, and to Mildred Jones Miller. The last is living in India.

'14 The engagement is announced of Vera Verbeck to V. E. McCulloch '07;₁₆

Dorothy Martin was married on Dec. 22 to Donald Nichols, A Δ Φ. They reside at 6625 Harvard av. Chicago.

'or Mrs P. O. Ray (Florence Nelson, Lambda) has been in Vermont for

two months on account of illness and death of her mother.

Florence Pond has been making a long visit to her sister, Mrs Bob Anderson of Chicago.

'02 Margaretta Nutt Helm (Mrs Wilbur, Alpha), is a lieutenant in school war relief work.

Red Cross red ribbons have been won by Nell Fleshiem Murray (Mrs F. T.), Jean Meredith Beyers (Mrs H. W.), Jessie Evers Manchester (Mrs Harry), Ruth Kimball Douglass (Mrs J. W.), Alice Spies Peaks (Mrs George), Henrietta Jennings Oates (Mrs T. F.), Irene Graves Bennett (Mrs H. W.).

Special mention ought to be made of the untiring efforts in Red Cross work of Irene Graves Bennett (Mrs H. W.). She has had many classes at her home and has instructed at the Woman's club. She wears the broad red ribbon and

the red veil as tokens of her efficiency.

Special mention also must be made of the time and effort put into the Woman's Registration work in Evanston by Nell Fleshiem Murray (Mrs F. T.). Helen Crawley '13 is doing community work at Iron River, Mich.

INDIANA ALUMNÆ

Minnabel Cutsinger Mutz (Mrs Howard) visited Lillian Bailey Brown (Mrs Mark) in Memphis, Tenn.

Cordelia Butler Tefft (Mrs W. H.) and daughter visited her parents in Irvington. Lieut. Col. Tefft is at Fort Riley, Kan.

Hazel Pasquier Dow and daughter have moved to California. Lois Brown Harris (Mrs Carl) and daughter have moved to Alexandria, Minn.

Mrs Theodore Kingsbury (Cornelia Goe) has moved to Washington, D. C.

Adele McMaster Butler (Mrs Ovid) has moved to Madison, Wis. Elizabeth Baxter is in library work in Topeka, Kan.

Ethel Baxter is teaching school in New Jersey.

Eda Boos Brewer (Mrs Scot) is living in Washington, D. C.

Marie Downs is teaching in Mason City, Iowa.

Erema Wilk Hamilton (Mrs Miller) is in Washington, D. C. Maire Peacock Lewis (Mrs Edward) is living in Louisville, while

Lieut. Lewis is at Camp Taylor.

Helen Thompson is living in Memphis, Tenn.

Helen Andrews is actively engaged in Social Service work in

Indianapolis.

The Indianapolis Panhellenic entertained with a tea in Jan. and had as their special guest Elizabeth Dougherty Jewett (Mrs Charles), whose husband has recently been elected mayor of Indianapolis.

The Y. W. C. A. of Indianapolis is, with the help of the Panhellenic association, organizing the girls of the department stores into war clubs. The work of Theta is centered on the Wm. H. Block & Co. store.

Mrs Cora Barnett is the matron of the Theta house at Bloomington.

Bernice Hall was married Oct. 29 to Albert Glass, A T A.

Marjorie Hall was married March 28 to Walter H. Montgomery, Δ T Δ.
Born Dec. 13 to Mr and Mrs Foster Clippinger (Charlotte Tribolet) a son,
Foster Clippinger, jr.

Born Jan. 26 to Mr and Mrs Louis Kirkhoff (Ruth Cunningham) a daugh-

ter, Barbara Jean.

NEW YORK CITY ALUMNÆ

New York City alumnæ in monthly meetings this year has been making dressings to the number of 3,360 by the first of April. At the same time we have been getting acquainted and have been able to transact all necessary business. At most of our meetings some nineteen chapters have been represented and we have had with us a varied and interesting group of Thetas who have come to New York for school or war activities. On Founders'-day we reviewed Theta history and the catechism thereon evoked a great deal of interest and amusement.

We are enthusiastic over the fund for the equipment of war nurses and have paid our quota gladly. We hope next year to have a member whose duty shall be to keep in touch with vocational work of all

kinds for Thetas who come here.

In thinking of Thetas whose privilege it is to go abroad in war work we must not forget those of our number who work so faithfully here. Among these are Gipsy Robinson Kimball, Pi, and Adele Johnson Wilputte, Alpha Theta.

Mrs Homer Folks, Pi, and younger daughter have gone to France to join Mr Folks and another daughter there. Mr Folks is in Civilian Relief work with special reference to tuberculosis and Mrs Folks and the daughters assist him.

Miss Oalooah Burner, Alpha, is in France doing Y. W. C. A. work among the nurses in some of the large base hospitals.

Mrs Frank Baker, Chi, is acting as hostess in a Y. M. C. A. hut "somewhere

in France."

Miss Frances E. Napier, Alpha Kappa, having qualified as the driver of a motor ambulance is waiting to go to France.

Miss Gertrude Clark, Alpha Zeta, was married to Mr Frederic Hitchcock in Dec. and they have just gone to Washington to live. Mr Hitchcock is in the Ordnance department.

Mrs E. A. Hungerford, Chi, brought us news of her husband who is en-

gaged in Y. M. C. A. work in France.

Mrs A. C. White, Lambda, has gone to Washington to live. Mr White is engaged in war work there.

Miss Leila Pugh, Psi, has been driving an ambulance and taking supplies

to a hospital in Brittany.

Miss Daisy Sims, Alpha, is adding war activities to her already heavy duties on the New York Board of the Y. W. C. A.

Miss Elizabeth Bohn, Alpha, is serving the Food administration by lecturing

in the New York public schools on the Feeding of children.

We are glad to welcome as new members Mrs Georgiana Gilbert Hess, Phi, who has come to New York to do interior decorating and Mrs Maude Plowman who comes to us from Boston alumnæ.

Helen Hand, Gamma, our new member from Indianapolis alumnæ, is wearing two service stars in honor of her brother and uncle who are serving in France.

NORMAN-OKLAHOMA CITY ALUMNÆ

Our monthly luncheons at the Skirvin hotel have been discontinued, and we now meet at the homes of the different members on the afternoon of the third Saturday of the month. March 23 we met with Irene Sharp Buck (Mrs J. F.) when we were glad to welcome into our membership Frances Deupree, of Newcombe, a sister of Nannolene Deupree (Mrs John Haseman) of Alpha Omicron. Miss Trimble, Alpha '07, met with us.

As most of the members of our chapter are mothers of young and flourishing families, and Red Cross work has occupied most of their spare moments, we have not done much as a chapter this winter. However, we have finished paying our half for the piano for the college chapter, and have paid our share of the Theta Red Cross fund.

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Helen Brooks, Smith '14, is taking a Red Cross nurses' training course in the Presbyterian Hospital, New York.

'17 Glenn Martin is in Oklahoma City, taking a business course.

Harriet Patrick Minton (Mrs Lee) is in New York, doing Red Cross work and taking a course in agriculture.

Callie Goodrich Coots (Mrs E. S.) is now living in Oklahoma City. Address 1437 W. 31st st.

Fanny Haynes Capshaw (Mrs Fred) is living at 601 E. 5th st. Oklahoma City.

15 Grace Williams is teaching English in the Oklahoma City high school.

OMAHA ALUMNÆ

This letter is to give you an idea of what we Omaha alumnæ have been doing throughout the year.

Owing to so much individual help in the Red Cross work this winter, we as a chapter did not organize for anything of the sort.

We have held our regular monthly meetings at the homes of our members, the first week of each month. The afternoons were spent in knitting for the soldiers and this gave us a little social time together.

On Founders'-day we had a luncheon at the home of one of our members and invited the Lincoln alumnæ and Rho chapter as our

Due to so many demands on each one's time these days, this has been the extent of our activity.

29 March 1918

Erma Jones

PHILADELPHIA ALUMNÆ

The flourishing condition of our Philadelphia alumnæ chapter this year has been a happy proof of the theory that the more we have to do, the more we can find time to do. Although all our members are "up to their ears" in work of one kind or another, the third Wednesday of each month finds twenty-five or thirty Thetas gathered at the home of a member, every one full of interest in the program which lasts from four to six, and quite ready for the supper and Theta gossip which follow. We have never had such large meetings as this year, and they have had a particular significance in the work we have accom-

Edith Coale, one of our most loyal members, has spent the past year in reconstruction work in France, being at the head of a children's hospital. For her little charges we have made many a garment as we have listened to a talk on the modern poets, shouted over the annual Stunt party, or applauded our convention delegate's enthusiastic report. To me, one bit of brightness in the midst of all the present war-smirched gloom is the way we women are finding ourselves; the flying fingers which used to lie idle or play with a bit of embroidery; the practical, often prosaic work which our young girls are doing with no thought of notoriety or faddism. I know beyond doubt that all our Theta alumnæ chapters are "doing their bit" in one way or another, and that thought is just another link to strengthen both our fraternity loyalty and national patriotism.

Caroline Farren Harris

PORTLAND ALUMNÆ

This present year has been a busy one indeed for the Portland Thetas. We have all been deeply interested in War work and the Red Cross takes all of our spare time. We have become a unit of the Portland Red Cross chapter and our monthly meetings are spent in hemming bandages, making bed socks, and doing other hand work. We feel very proud of the fact that we raised \$28 for the Theta hospital fund, not by assessment but by a voluntary contribution. Every active member of our chapter, (and there are at present about

28) contributed \$1.00.

Last fall we were all very much interested in the installation of Beta Epsilon at Oregon agricultural college. A number of the Portland alumnæ were present at the installation and are all loud in their praises of this splendid group of girls. Already we have had the pleasure of welcoming some of them into our Portland alumnæ chap-

ter and they are indeed an addition.

We enjoyed the pleasure of having our Grand secretary, Miss Green, our Grand vice-president, Mrs Hazel Allison Forde, and our District president, Mrs Estelle Dodge, with us for a short visit on their way to Corvallis, and we gave a luncheon for them at the University club. During the Thanksgiving vacation we gave another luncheon at the University club for the two Oregon college chapters. This was a "regular family party" as only Thetas were present, and it is needless to say that we all had a jolly good time getting acquainted with our newest sisters. Then at Christmas time we joined forces with Alpha Xi and gave a Red Cross rushing tea at Ada Otten's attractive home in Irvington. The afternoon was spent in sewing for the Red Cross—and we made the rushees work too—and the refreshments all carried out the Red Cross idea. Instead of ice cream we served red jello made in the shape of a cross, and each piece of cake was decorated with a cross.

We are all interested in the plans for the Women's building at the state university, for it has been sorely needed for some time. The state legislature has promised to appropriate as much money as the women of the state can raise, so of course the more we can raise the better. Several of our number have given benefit teas and "Jitney dances" to raise money for the fund, while others have subscribed

what they felt able.

Our two newest Portland Thetas are Dorothy Jane Furnish and Betty Jean Fleming, the wee daughters of Ruth Fraley Furnish (Mrs Eldon) and Edith King Fleming (Mrs Raemond). We have had the pleasure of having a number of Thetas from other chapters, whose husbands have been stationed at Vancouver barracks, attend our meetings this year. Right here let me say that we are always glad to welcome sisters from other chapters, and we urge every Theta who comes through Portland to let us know.

28 March 1918

Marjorie E. McGuire

Mabel Smith Holden (Mrs William) has moved to Pontiac, Mich. where her husband is stationed.

Mary Scott (Mrs Stanley) Alpha, Mrs Bradley and Jane Quayle, Alpha Mu, have been welcome additions to the Portland chapter this year, while they have been living at Vancouver barracks.

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PROVIDENCE ALUMNÆ

During the year 1917-18 the Providence alumnæ chapter maintained a membership of thirty-one, in spite of the fact that several of the local Thetas left Rhode Island for change of residence. The problem of keeping up our members is a difficult one, as we are widely removed from any college chapter and as Providence is not often

frequented by transients.

However, to those who have regularly attended the monthly meetings the season has been worth while and enjoyable. Last fall our chapter apportionment of \$60 for the Theta hospital fund was collected and forwarded by Irene Seabury. In our meetings we have not followed any plan of study because each member felt that this year her spare hours ought to be devoted to some form of war work rather than to preparation for the presentation of a topic for discussion. As has been our custom during the past three or four years we have devoted several of our meetings to sewing for the Providence Society for organizing charity. This season we made boys' blouses and girls' dresses, which were distributed to the city's needy by Elizabeth Morrison, one of the principal workers of the society.

The December meeting took the form of a Christmas supper and in place of our regular January meeting we enjoyed a Founders'-day luncheon as the guests of the Boston alumnæ chapter. Our last gathering of the year will probably be an out-of-door meeting.

Will all Thetas who visit Providence notify our secretary, whose name is listed in the fraternity directory in each Journal, so that she

may tell them the time and place of our meetings?

Ottilie M. Taber 1 April 1918

'03-ex Irene T. Seabury is organizer and instructor of the Gaspee chapter D. A. R. surgical dressing unit, which, meeting only one morning each week, has been turning in to Red Cross headquarters 1,500 dressings weekly. She is also vice-regent of the Gaspee chapter D. A. R.

Ada Wing Mead (Mrs Albert D.) is chairman of the Food conservation department of the Woman's committee of the Council of national defense, R. I.

division.

'05 Born to Mr and Mrs Walter Patten (Sarah K. Cady) on Jan. 9, 1918 a son, Brooks Patten. New address is 403 8th st. Greenville, N. C.

'08 The new address of Audrey Lake Paine (Mrs Sidney S.) is Box 317, Plainfield, Conn.

RHO-UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Of the fourteen women's fraternities in the university, Theta was first in scholarship, standing seven points higher than the highest average made last year by any fraternity. Four of our nine seniors are Phi Beta Kappas-Ermine Carmean, Cornelia Crittenden, Catharine Dodge, and Mary Guthrie.

The thirty-first annual banquet of Rho was held April 20 at the new and beautiful home of Gertrude Laws Hardy (Mrs W. E.), one of the charter members of the chapter. As a wartime measure the usual hotel banquet was abandoned and the cost reduced to seventy-five cents, with results which were decidedly satisfactory.

When all those who have fathers, brothers, husbands, or sweethearts in war service were asked to stand, forty of the ninety-four present arose. During the evening the alumnæ subscribed money to buy a sideboard for the chapter house.

Rho has received by transfer Fay Davis from Alpha Mu.

Katherine Kohl has been elected president of the Girls' club for next year and Alice Temple secretary. Dorothy Wetherald is a member of the Young Women's Christian association cabinet. Eva Miller was chairman of the committee in charge of an all-university party by which \$250 was raised for the University of Nebraska base hospital unit.

The University of Nebraska base hospital unit, which had its inception at the university medical college in Omaha, has been mobilized for training and will be in France in a month or two. With it have gone several members of the faculty and many students. The university has a Red Cross work room separate from the city head-quarters, where the girls spend a certain number of hours each week making surgical dressings.

24 April 1918

Dorothy Jane Colburn.

'16 Alice Proudfit was married March 18 to Lieut. William Noble, at Jacksonville, Fla.

'16-ex Erma Jones engaged to Robert York, of Omaha.

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